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The World of Barbarities

The Story So Far

This story happened a long time ago in a far away land. Our setting is a small country surrounded by mountains, called Lorraine. A threatening letter is sent to the pride of Lorraine, Lord Judiciary Montague, and in response Viscount Adam comes from neighbouring Xehana to act as a bodyguard. However, behind Adam's incredible beauty lies a promiscuous beast who will eat up man and woman, young and old! For the first time in his life Adam falls truly in love. The object of his affections is Lord Judiciary Montague's nephew, Joel... who turns out to be Lord Montague himself!? The young king's uncle, suspected of raising a rebellion, has returned to the country and tensions in the palace are rising. Simon moves closer to the visiting heir of the neighbouring Tance, Louis, and takes his younger brother, Luka, as a hostage to force his cooperation...

Introducing the Main Characters

Joel Letreux

Montague Joel Letreux, Lord Judiciary Montague, Head of the Justice Department's nephew... is his disguise, the truth is he himself is Lord Judiciary Montague. He is a Lord that took up the judge's robes under orders from the previous, deceased, King. He is a serious man who accepted his position in order to support the people and acts as an adviser to the young King. He respects the law and is an atheist. Straight-laced and indifferent towards love.

Viscount Adam Canning

Adam Eric Canning, of Xehana. An illegitimate child. Came to Lorraine to act as Lord Judiciary Montague's bodyguard. Has familial ties to Lorraine's Queen Mother. When he was young his mother remarried and so he was passed to Baron Auber of Old Xehana for adoption. As a parting gift his mother bestowed on Adam a peerage.

A large country feared by its neighbours for it's greed and constant desire for more power.

Tance

Lorraine

A small, vitally situated country surrounded by powerhouses.

The Church of the Goddess has not yet taken root here and is conflicting with the country's other religions.

Paul

Adam's valet. The straight man to Adam's fool, he understands and supports Adam more than anyone else.

Queen Mother Eleanor

Christopher's mother. Formerly from Old Xehana. A distant relation of Adam.

Luka

A young Prince, son of the current King of Tance. Currently in Lorraine for his health. There's a large age gap between he and Louis, so Louis dotes on him.

His Majesty, Christopher.

The young King of Lorraine. Nicknamed Chris.

Cardinal Rotz Brandon

On dispatch from the Holy See of the Goddess in Xehana. Helps with religious matters as a member of the Privy Council.

Louis (Prince Fredaux)

Royalty of the neighbouring Tance, on a pleasure cruise around the land. Currently staying in Lorraine to observe it. The future King of a large country, he's an eccentric man.

Gil

Former slave. Louis has engaged him as his faithful servant. When Louis gets drunk, he and Gil have relations.

This is a story set a long time ago in a whole other world...
LU-
LU-
LUKA, I'LL BE SO LONELY WITHOUT YOU.
COME PLAY WITH ME AGAIN, OK?
I'LL... I'LL COME VISIT YOU, TOO.
...YEAH.
Lorraine

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...IS YOUR PACKING GOING WELL, LUKA?
...YES.
YOU'LL NEED SOUVENIRS FOR UNCLE AND AUNT, RIGHT?
I HAD OUR AMBASSADOR PREPARE SOME FOR YOU.
...THANK YOU, OLDER BROTHER.
silence...
sip... sip...
wipe
...
I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE,

AND TO DO THAT, WE NEED TO BE OPEN AND HONEST WITH EACH OTHER.
BECAUSE ONE DAY WE WILL REIGN OVER TANCE TOGETHER,
DO YOU KNOW WHY I TOOK YOU AS MY YOUNGER BROTHER?
SIGH

BUT I'M NOT SENDING YOU HOME TO BE CRUEL TO YOU, LUKA.
...

TANCE CANNOT HAVE BOTH OF ITS HEIRS ABSENT INDEFINITELY.
HEAD HOME AND SHOW UNCLE THAT YOU'RE WELL.

.. AND TELL HIM I'LL BE BACK SOON.
...YES, OLDER BROTHER.

I'M DONE WITH MY MEAL.
...
CLATTER
WHAT IS IT?
...UM,
WHILE WE...
HAVE BEEN HERE IN LORRAINE, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO TALK SO MUCH. IT'S MADE ME VERY HAPPY.
WHAT IF.. WHEN WE RETURN TO TANCE...
...

hug
...COME HERE.
BRIGHTEN
!
...!
WE'LL SHARE MEALS BACK IN TANCE, TOO, ALRIGHT?
YOU'RE MY PRECIOUS LITTLE BROTHER.

YES!
HE'S DARLING.
PRINCE LUKA HAS BECOME MUCH MORE CHEERFUL SINCE COMING TO LORRAINE.
...HMPH.

HAVING "THAT" HERE WILL ONLY CAUSE PROBLEMS.

I DON'T WANT THAT MAN USING HIM AS A HOSTAGE AGAINST ME.

SO I SENT HIM HOME. THAT'S ALL.

...

I had thought that Prince Luka wasn't the only one this stay had changed, but

he's back to how he was in Tance.

A shame

I'M HEADING BACK TO MY ROOM.

YES.

MONTAGUE!

!

MAJESTY?
wahhh
I-IS THERE [redacted] MATTER?
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, MONTAGUE!

Sob
LISTEN,
LISTEN, MONTAGUE,
Sob

HE'S BEEN WAITING OUTSIDE THE MEETING ROOM DOOR ALL THIS TIME.
SOMETHING IMPORTANT...?
HE HAS SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DISCUSS.

PASS A LAW SO THAT TWO MEN CAN MARRY EACH OTHER!!
Ohh.
.....HAH?
W-WAIT A MOMENT.
WHERE IS THIS COMING FROM?
Yank
YANK
RIGHT NOW! RIGHT NOW!!
QUICKLY!

sob
YOU HAVE TO HURRY, OTHERWISE LUKA...
LUKA'S GOING TO LEAVE.
sob
I ASKED ROTZ AND HE SAID THAT I HAD TO SPEAK TO YOU,
HAH HAH HAH
BECAUSE YOUR JURIS-DIC-TIONS ARE DIFFERENT...
That old fart.
sob sob
PLEASE, MONTAGUE...
MAJESTY...

SHOCK
PRINCE LUKA IS NOT A CITIZEN HERE
SO I'M AFRAID IT WOULD NOT MATTER..

UM... I REGRET TO TELL YOU
BUT EVEN IF LORRAINE PASSES SUCH A LAW,

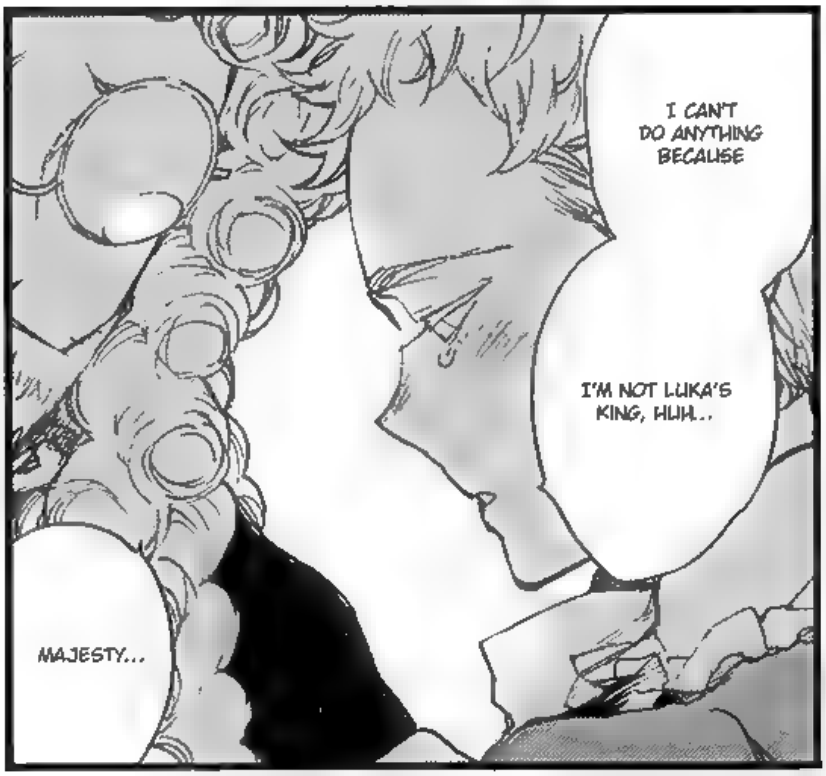
WHY WERE YOU SO HONEST?
YOU COULD HAVE TALKED AROUND IT A LITTLE.
Awwww
COULD YOU PLEASE BUTTON YOUR TRAP.

BUT WHY!? THE KING'S RIBBON WAS SUPPOSED TO WORK!
...I-I'M SORRY, I CAN'T HELP YOU .
Uwaaaah

HE TAUGHT ME ABOUT 'SECRET MARRIAGES'.
..I THOUGHT IT WOULD CHEER HIM UP..
YOU'D BETTER NOT HAVE BEEN PUTTING STRANGE IDEAS IN HIS MAJESTY'S HEAD.
NOT AT ALL.
WE JUST WAITED QUIETLY TOGETHER.
SECRET MARRIAGES... UM... ARE NOT LEGALLY BINDING, SO..
ALTHOUGH IT IS A PROMISE BEFORE A GOD, IT'S STILL JUST A PROMISE...
ANYWAY, PLEASE FORGET ANYTHING ADAM TOLD YOU!
...THEN,
It's compilcated!
DO I JUST HAVE TO BEAR WITH HIM LEAVING...?
...

wipe
IT WILL BE LONELY TO BE WITHOUT YOUR DEAR FRIEND,
BUT THAT FEELING IS PRECIOUS. IT'S PROOF OF YOUR FEELINGS FOR HIM.

I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE THE CHANCE
BEFORE PRINCE LUKA LEAVES, TO CARVE THESE MEMORIES WITH HIM INTO YOUR HEART.


I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BECAUSE
I'M NOT LUKA'S KING, HUH...
MAJESTY...

IN THE FUTURE THEY WILL SUPPORT AND COMFORT YOU.
..

drip
drip
BEING KING ISN'T WORTH ANYTHING, HUH.
THERE'S STILL TIME LEFT UNTIL PRINCE LUKA ACTUALLY LEAVES, RIGHT?
?
YES, THERE SHOULD BE SEVERAL DAYS LEFT.

smile

THEN LET'S HOLD A FAREWELL PARTY FOR HIM!

WE'LL PREPARE FIREWORKS AND PLENTY OF SNACKS

SO THAT PRINCE LUKA WILL BE ALL SMILES.

...!

YES!

Dear me.

ALRIGHT, IT'S DECIDED!

...

LEAVE IT ALL TO ME.

IT'S A REQUEST FROM THE KING.
I'D LIKE ACROBATS FOR THE CHILDREN, TOO.
FINE WITH ME.

UHUH... SO YOU'VE COME TO ME?

I'D LIKE SOME FIREWORKS, TOO, IF WE CAN.
COULD WE SET THEM OFF IN THE GARDENS IN THE EVENING, DO YOU THINK?
THE PALACE GARDENS?

A CHILD'S TEA PARTY IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON... BORING.
LET'S HAVE THE WAITRESSES BE NAKED.
LORD MONTAGUE WILL START THROWING PUNCHES.
At me.

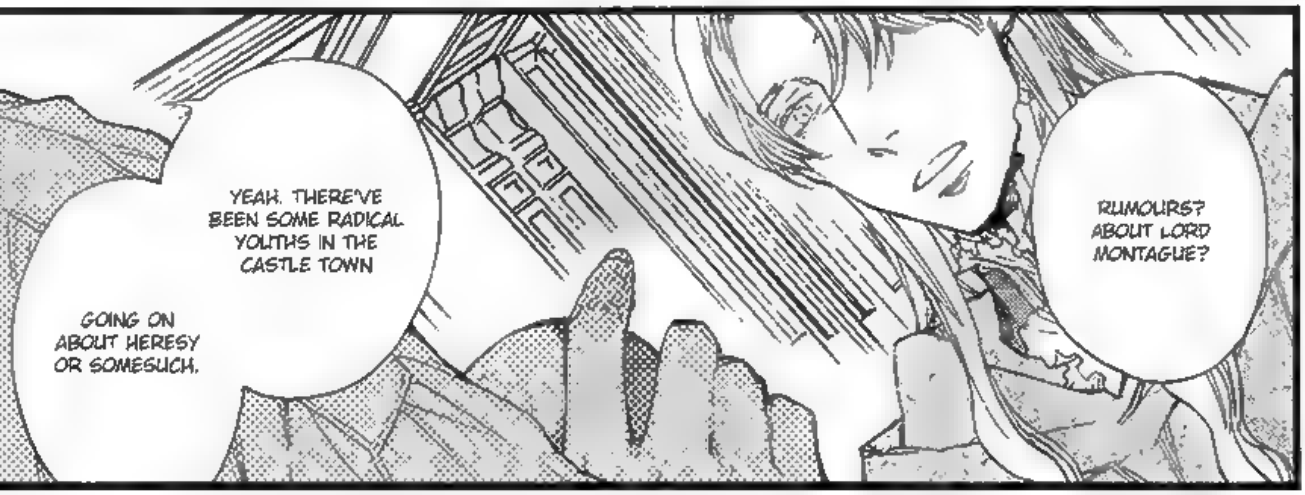
SHOULD BE FINE, BUT DO YOU HAVE PERMISSION?
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF SOME TURBULENT TIMES RIGHT NOW
IT'S NOT A HUGE BANQUET, JUST A SMALL, INVITATION-ONLY GATHERING
OH, I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO LIONEL, THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.

WE CAN CONSULT WITH HIM ON THE PARTICULARS.
I'M FREE IN THE EVENINGS, WE CAN HEAD OUT ON THE TOWN TOGETHER.
YOU GOING TO BE ALRIGHT LEAVING YOUR MASTER BEHIND?

NOT AT ALL. I WOULD MUCH RATHER HAVE HIM PERMANENTLY SEATED IN MY LAP.
COULD YOU NOT RANDOMLY SAY CRAZY THINGS LIKE THAT?

DANGEROUS? HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED?
OH. . YOU'RE PRETTY SHARP, HUH.
THERE'S SOME RUMOURS GOING AROUND.

THEN SHOULD I BRING HIM WITH ME. ?
NOT A CHANCE, IT'S WAY TOO DANGEROUS RIGHT NOW!


YEAH. THERE'VE BEEN SOME RADICAL YOUTHS IN THE CASTLE TOWN
GOING ON ABOUT HERESY OR SOMESUCH.
RUMOURS? ABOUT LORD MONTAGUE?

IT'S STILL JUST WHISPERS AMONGST CERTAIN GROUPS RIGHT NOW. .
BUT MY GUT'S TELLING ME WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO BE CAREFUL.
THE RUMOURS GO LIKE THIS,

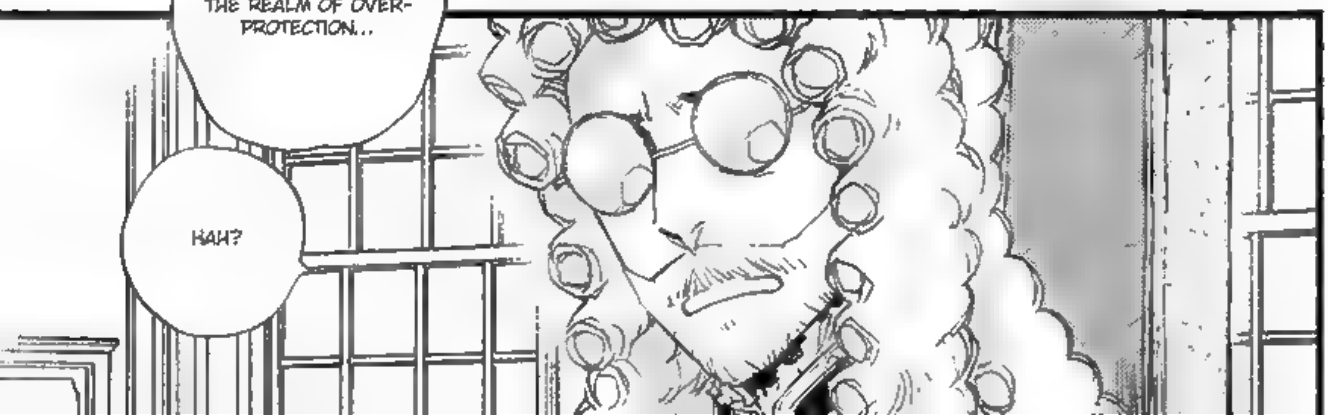
'LORD MONTAGUE DOESN'T BELIEVE IN ANY DEITY.'

'HE IS WORSE THAN ANY HERETIC COULD EVER BE'...

hah...
WH-
WHAT IS IT?

OH, IT'S YOU, ADAM. DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING OUT?

THIS IS NO GOOD. .
ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO I WAS TOLD THAT I'M CLUCKING LIKE A HEN.


SOON IT WILL BE THE REALM OF OVER-PROTECTION...
HAH?

Stroke
...!?
LORD MONTAGUE.

PLEASE, LISTEN TO ME.
I SAY THIS PURELY OUT OF WORRY FOR YOU.
..?

I SERVE YOU BECAUSE I RESPECT YOU GREATLY.
NATURALLY, I HOLD AFFECTION AND ULTERIOR MOTIVES TOWARDS YOU.
HOWEVER,

I SWEAR TO SERVE YOU DEVOTEDLY,
AND SO... AND SO...

WHATEVER MAY HAPPEN,
I WANT YOU TO TRUST THAT I WILL ALWAYS BE ON YOUR SIDE.
...

NO-ONE'S KISSED THIS RING BEFORE, HAVE THEY?
I'M THE FIRST.
. . .
. WHAT'S WITH ALL THE FORMALITY?
I DON'T REQUIRE ANY OATHS OF LOYALTY FROM YOU.
YES, I'M GLAD.
snatch
AS IF ANYONE ELSE WOULD EVEN TRY.
GOOD FOR YOU, BEING FIRST!
...I ALREADY KNOW.
?

HMPH
LIFT
!
AS LONG AS I DO NOT STRAY FROM THE CORRECT PATH...
YOU WILL ALWAYS STAND BY MY SIDE.
RIGHT?
toss
...

AH, I CAN SMELL AGARWOOD!
THUMP
YOU'RE USING THE FRAGRANCE I GOT YOU!
BE SERIOUS OR PLAY AROUND BUT PICK ONE AND STICK TO IT!
sniff
huff
sniff
huff
GLOMP
JOEL!
dangle
UWAH!?
RATTLE
SHOVING
I WAS INTENDING THIS TO BE A VERY SERIOUS DISCUSSION!
THAT'S NO EXCUSE TO ACT LIKE A DOG WHENEVER YOU'RE HAPPY!
BUT THERE'S NO WAY THOSE WORDS WOULDN'T DELIGHT ME!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. I WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE RUMOURS GOING AROUND CASTLE TOWN.
RUMOURS?
SO WHY DID YOU REALLY COME TO SEE ME?
Dog again.
UM.. WHAT WAS IT AGAIN...?

.. I SEE. ABOUT ME BEING AN ATHEIST.
THAT WOULD CERTAINLY GET THE YOUNG EXTREMISTS RILED UP

Fist of anger fell.
IS THERE NO WAY TO CRACK DOWN ON THEM ANY FURTHER?
NO.
IT'S LIKELY THAT WOULD JUST MAKE THINGS WORSE.

I'LL HAVE HIM APPOINT ME A SUITABLE POSITION
AND MAKE SURE TO OFFER A PRAYER IN PUBLIC.
Dear me.

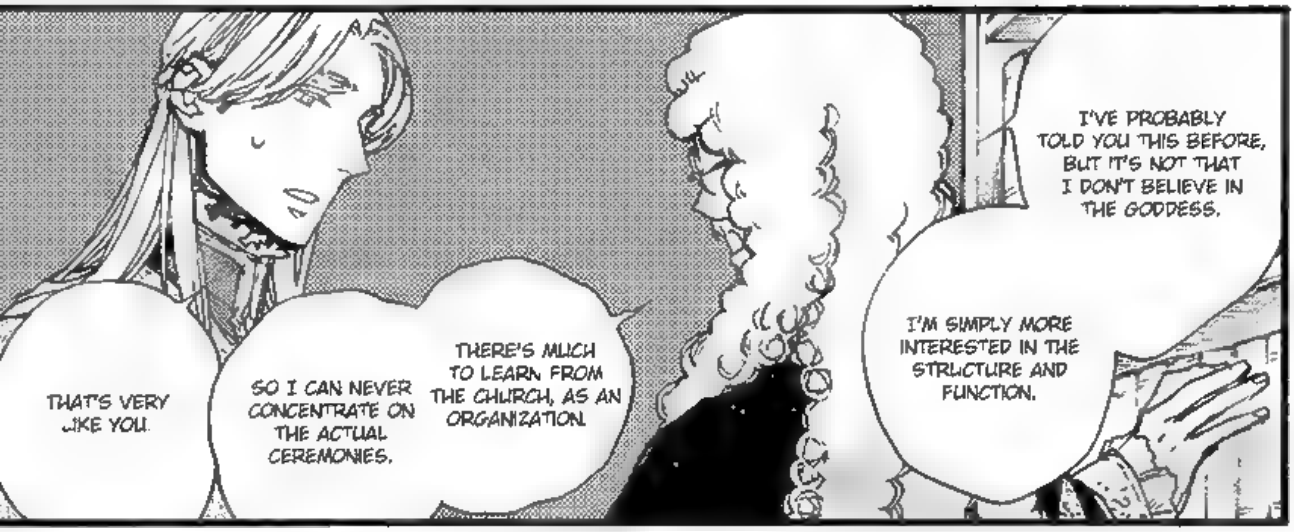
...I MIGHT HAVE TO HAVE CARDINAL BRANDON STEP IN.
sigh
I DON'T LIKE OWING HIM ANYTHING, BUT...

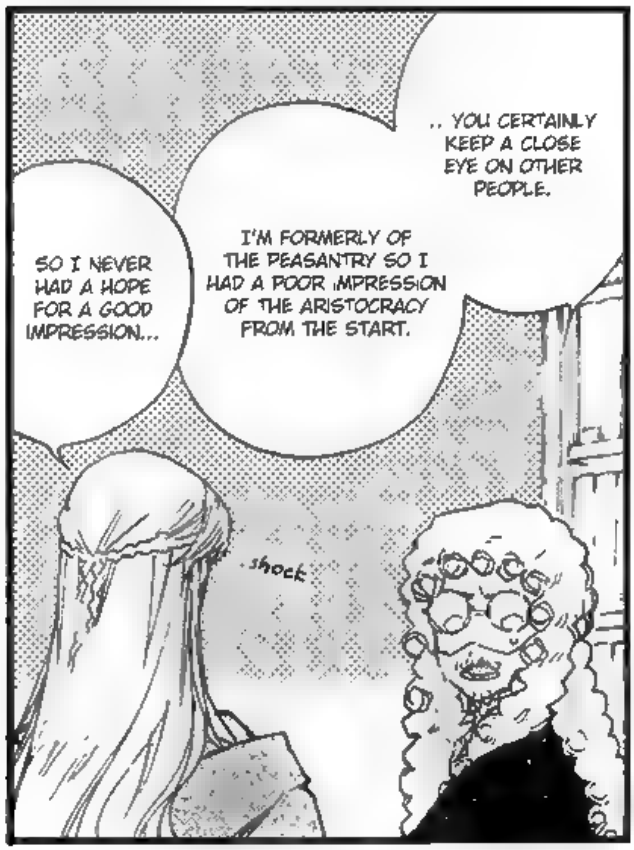
THE CARDINAL FOUND ME OUT RIGHT AWAY.

HE'S STRANGELY INDIVIDUALISTIC, THOUGH, SO HE NEVER USES IT AGAINST ME.

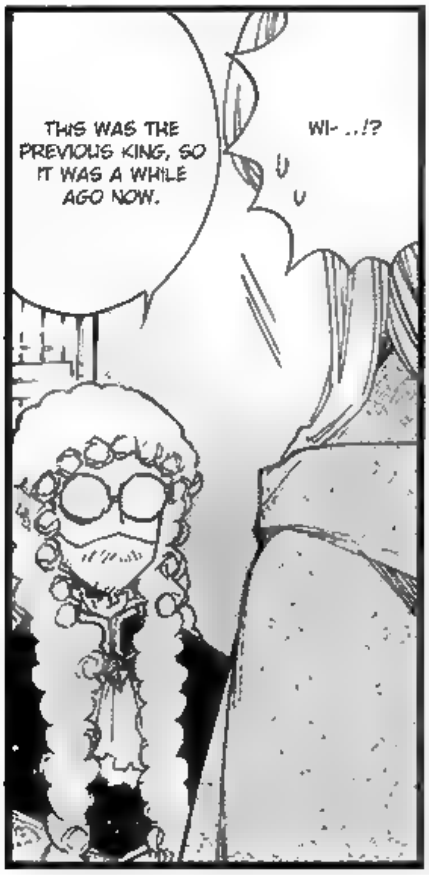
THAT REMINDS ME, I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER SEEN YOU PRAY...

I'M SURPRISED YOU MANAGED THIS LONG.

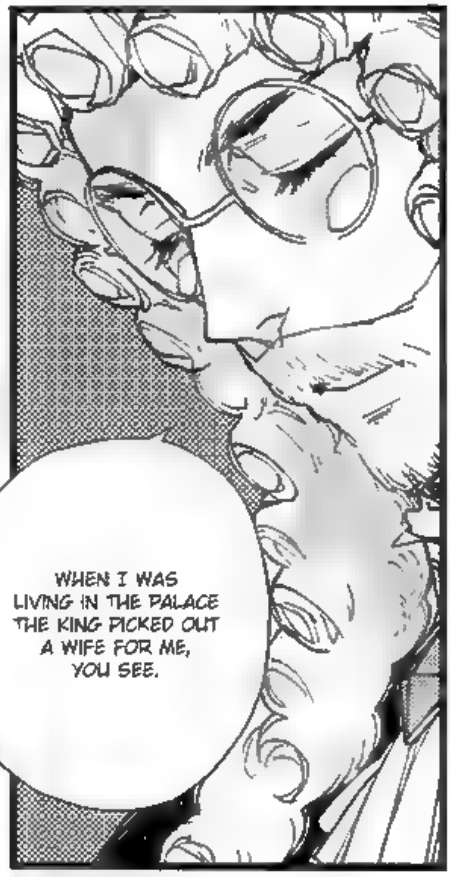



.. YOU CERTAINLY KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON OTHER PEOPLE.
I'M FORMERLY OF THE PEASANTRY SO I HAD A POOR IMPRESSION OF THE ARISTOCRACY FROM THE START.
SO I NEVER HAD A HOPE FOR A GOOD IMPRESSION...
shock

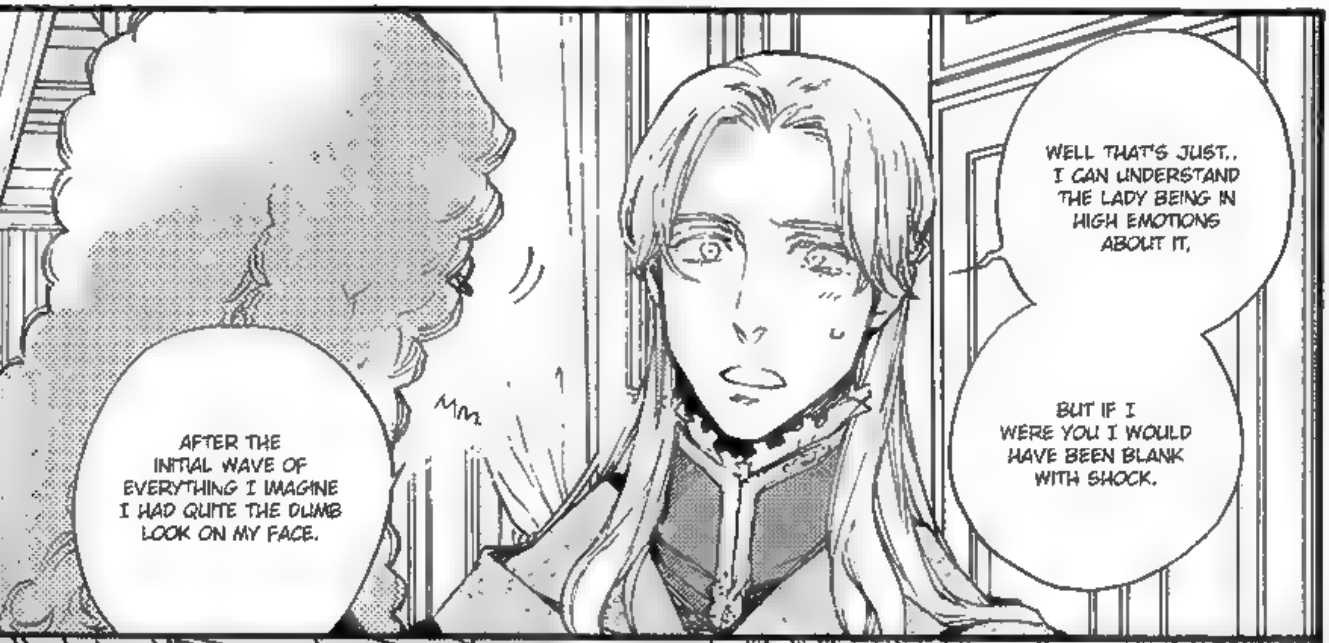
YOU SEEM EQUALLY AWKWARD WITH EVERYONE.
AH, BUT I SUPPOSE YOURS IS MORE A DISTRUST OF PEOPLE IN GENERAL...


THIS WAS THE PREVIOUS KING, SO IT WAS A WHILE AGO NOW.
WI- ..!?

WUH.


WHEN I WAS LIVING IN THE PALACE THE KING PICKED OUT A WIFE FOR ME, YOU SEE.

ALL DISCUSSION OF MY MARRIAGE WAS PUT ASIDE, I MOVED OUT OF THE PALACE, AND NOW HERE I AM.
SHE RAN AWAY WITH ANOTHER ARISTOCRAT BEFORE THE WEDDING. IT WAS QUITE THE UPROAR.
SHE WAS AN ARISTOCRAT, SO SHE PROBABLY DIDN'T WANT TO GET MARRIED TO A COMMONER LIKE ME.


AFTER THE INITIAL WAVE OF EVERYTHING I IMAGINE I HAD QUITE THE DUMB LOOK ON MY FACE.
WELL THAT'S JUST.. I CAN UNDERSTAND THE LADY BEING IN HIGH EMOTIONS ABOUT IT,
BUT IF I WERE YOU I WOULD HAVE BEEN BLANK WITH SHOCK.

WELL I DOUBT MY LOOKS ARE ATTRACTIVE TO THE YOUNG LADIES.
HAHAHA.
SHE WAS GOING TO MARRY A MAN WHO CAN HAND OVER 10,000 GOLD WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELID.
THAT WOMAN HAD NO TASTE AT ALL.

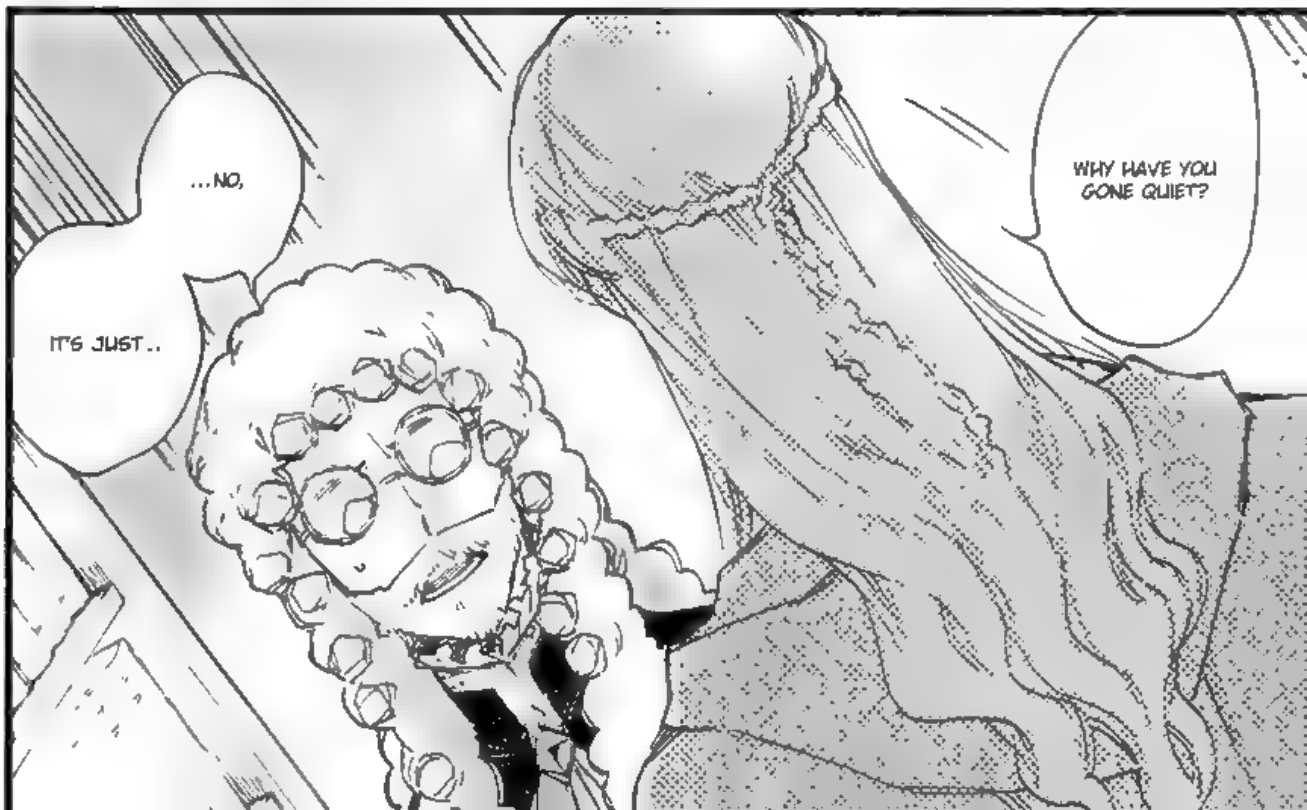
RIDICULOUS! YOU'RE ADORABLE!
YOU ARE SUPERB, BOTH INSIDE AND OUT! I WOULD HAVE TAKEN YOU TO THE ALTAR THAT VERY DAY!
frown
Sob
I DERAILED US WITH THIS SILLINESS!

ARE YOU REALLY NOT GOING TO PASS A LAW SO THAT YOU AND I CAN BE MARRIED?
...IF I DID, DO YOU THINK I'D ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSAL?

IT'S JUST AN OLD DRINKING STORY, BEST TO FORGET IT.
I'M NOT SURE THAT I CAN.
Well.
THAT'S FAIR...

ONCE THE PASSION HAS PASSED, DISTANCE FORMS. THAT'S HOW HUMANS WORK.
THE DESIRE TO CONNECT BODIES IS A NATURAL ONE.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE MENTALITY THAT A FRIENDSHIP WOULD LAST LONGER THAN A ROMANCE.
tilt
WELL... IT'S TRUE THIS ISN'T ALWAYS THE CASE, BUT
THOSE WORDS MAKE IT SOUND LIKE YOU'RE SCARED THAT I MIGHT TOSS YOU ASIDE.

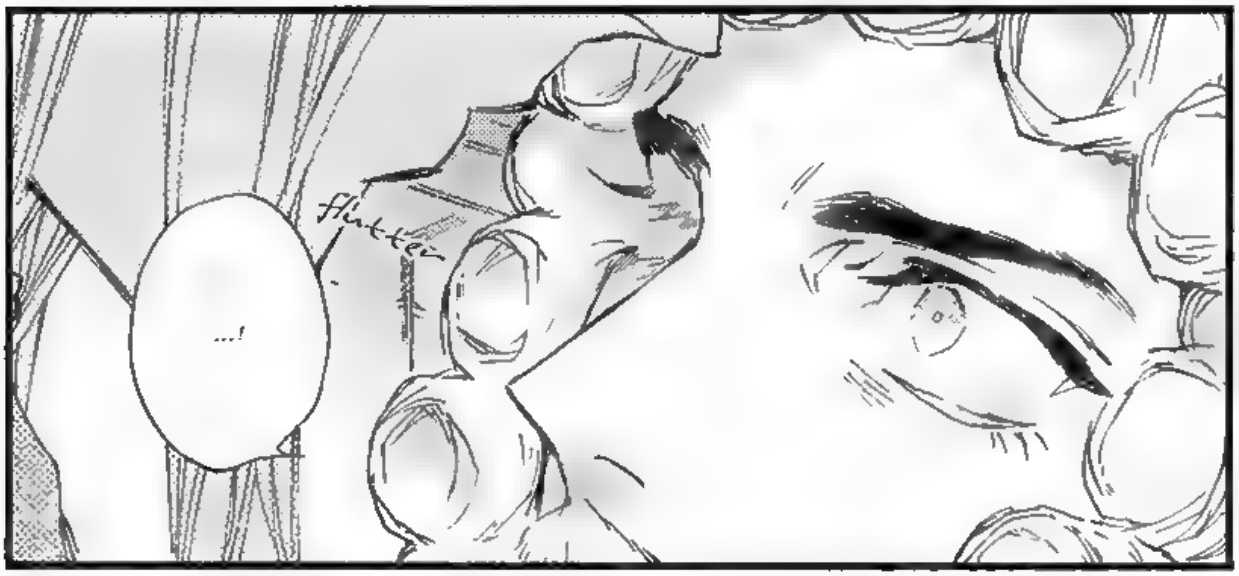
...


WHY HAVE YOU GONE QUIET?
...NO,
IT'S JUST..

I THINK YOU HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD...
crowd
THEN DOES THIS MEAN THAT YOU...!?
DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS!
...IT WAS A HYPOTHETICAL DISCUSSION.
I WAS TALKING ABOUT UNDER SPECIFIC, FICTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

YOU'RE ALWAYS DRIVING ME INTO CORNERS...

OWCH!
thunk
UGH, THE BOOKS...
SCATTER

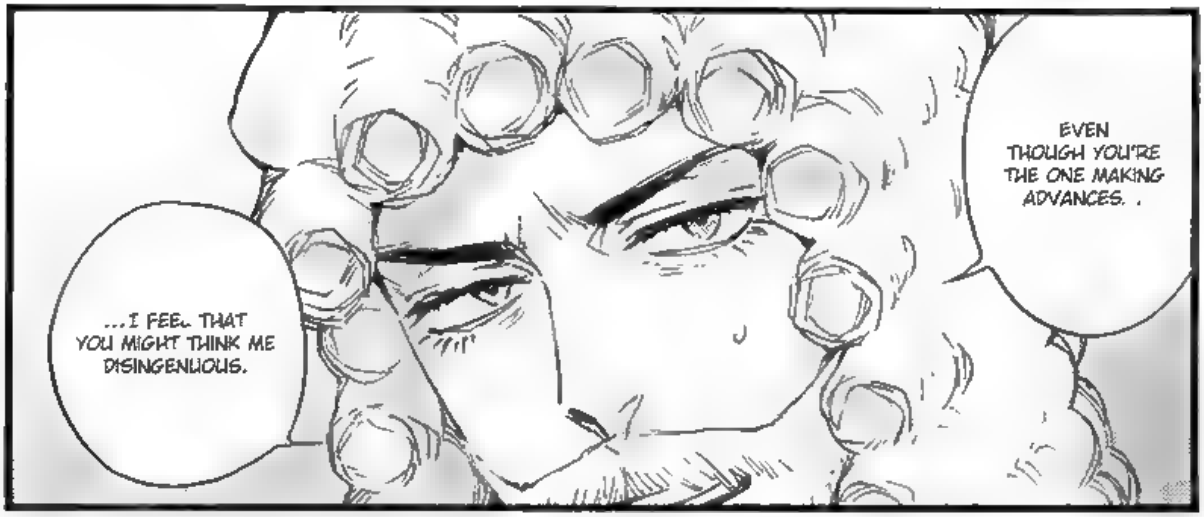

...!
flutter

I LOVE THE TIME THAT I SPEND WITH YOU.
BOTH WHEN YOU'RE DISCUSSING DIFFICULT THINGS THAT GO OVER MY HEAD,
AND WHEN YOU GET ANGRY WITH ME FOR CRACKING JOKES.

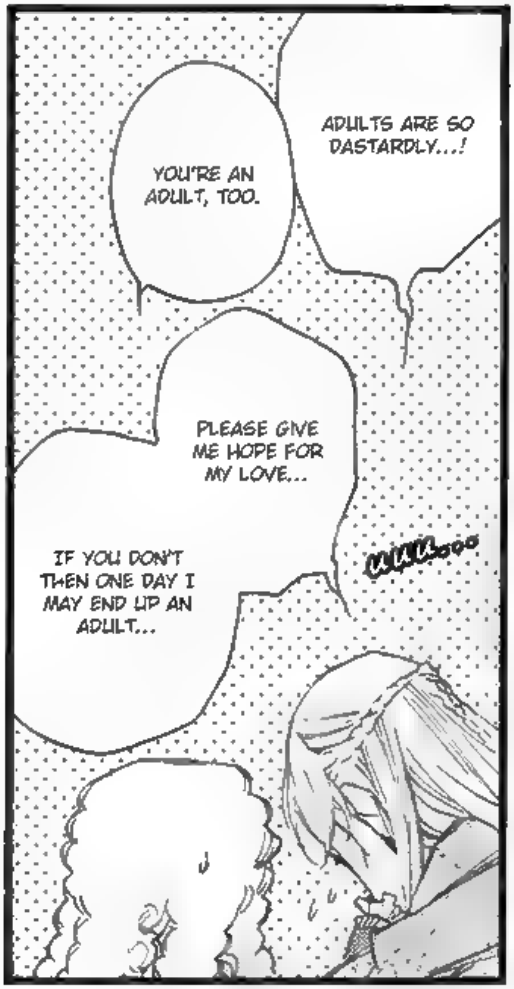
I WISH THAT OUR TIME TOGETHER WOULD NEVER END
I THINK OF YOU BEFORE I FALL ASLEEP EACH NIGHT
I COULD NEVER BEAR TO HURT YOU IN ANY WAY
I'M EMBARRASSED JUST LISTENING TO YOU
...I'M IMPRESSED YOU CAN SAY SUCH THINGS WITHOUT A SHRED OF EMBARRASSMENT.

HOW DOES SEDUCTION MAKE YOU WANT TO LAUGH!?
COMEDY SKIT!?
WHENEVER YOU START TRYING TO SEDUCE ME, I FEEL LIKE I'M IN A COMEDY SKIT.

pout
I THOUGHT AN ADVANCE RIGHT NOW WOULD BRING ME SOME SUCCESS.

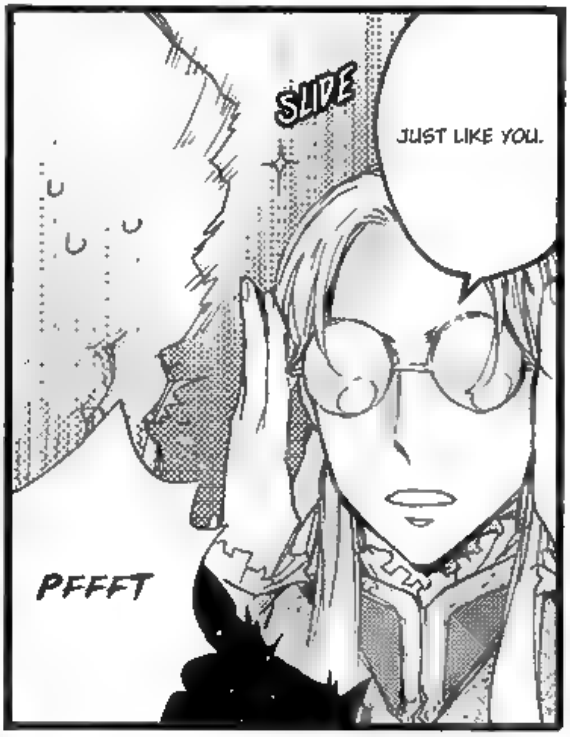

...I FEEL THAT YOU MIGHT THINK ME DISINGENUOUS.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE THE ONE MAKING ADVANCES. .

WH. .
CONSIDERING MY SELF-INTEREST, THERE'S NO WAY I COULD ALLOW MYSELF TO FALL FOR YOUR ADVANCES.
OBJECTIVELY SPEAKING, I'M MAKING USE OF YOUR SERVICES RIGHT NOW.


ADULTS ARE SO DASTARDLY...!
YOU'RE AN ADULT, TOO.
PLEASE GIVE ME HOPE FOR MY LOVE...
IF YOU DON'T THEN ONE DAY I MAY END UP AN ADULT...
uuuu...

I THOUGHT YOU HAD A MORE PURE-HEARTED REASON FOR RETREATING!
WEREN'T YOU DRAWING BACK BECAUSE YOU'RE A LATE-BLOOMING FLOWER?!
I AM A FULLY-GROWN, ADULT MAN, YOU KNOW

I AM THE GHOST OF YOUR DEAD LOVE.
Y-YOU LOOK RIDICULOUS!
STOP
It hurts
wheeze


SLIDE
JUST LIKE YOU.
PFFFT

You laugh more easily than I expected.

I can't breathe...

AHHH! OLIVIER! SHHH! SHHH!

!!!

ARE YOU DONE?

DON'T WORRY, LORD MONTAGUE! WE BARELY HEARD ANYTHING AT ALL!

MESSENGER FROM THE PALACE HE HAS A NOTE FOR YOU BOTH.

Do they suit me?

WE HEARD EVERYTHING.

OLIVIER, PLEASE SHUT UP!!

WE WERE HERE THE WHOLE TIME.

OH, YOU TWO ARE HERE.

Gape Gape

...

WE COULDN'T FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTERRUPT.

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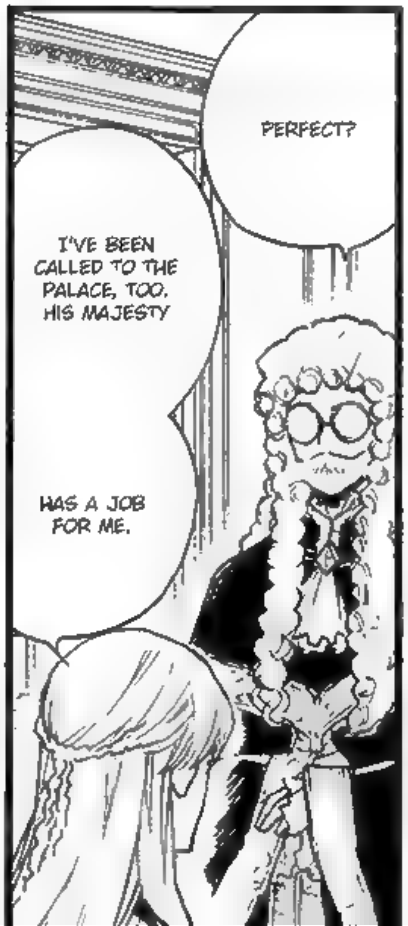
OH, PERFECT.
ADAM,
I NEED TO GO TO THE PALACE BEFORE I HEAD HOME.

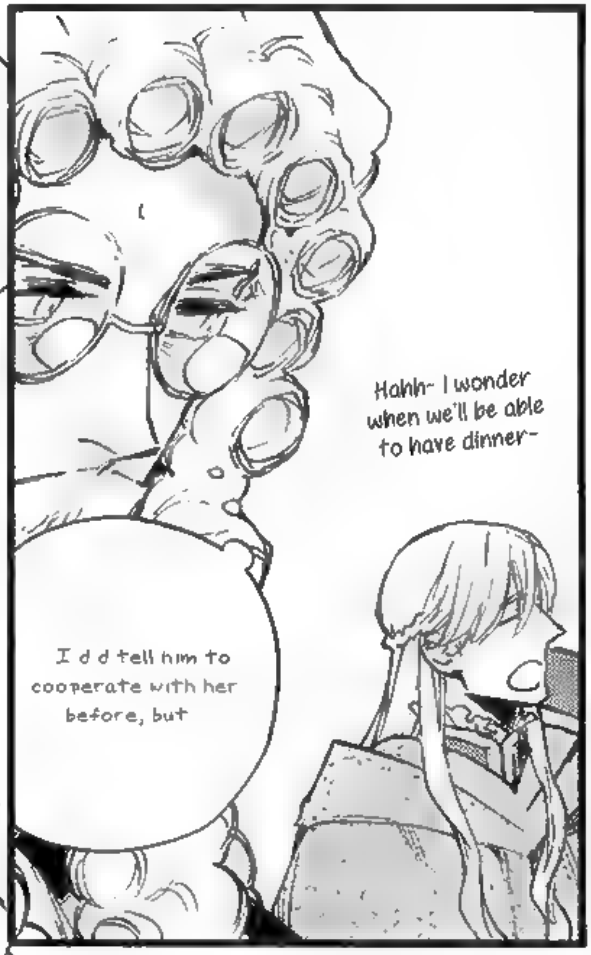
crunch
HIS MAJESTY.. ? NOT THE QUEEN MOTHER?
BUT IT'S MOST LIKELY ABOUT THE FAREWELL PARTY
YES, THE MESSENGER DIDN'T SAY WHAT FOR

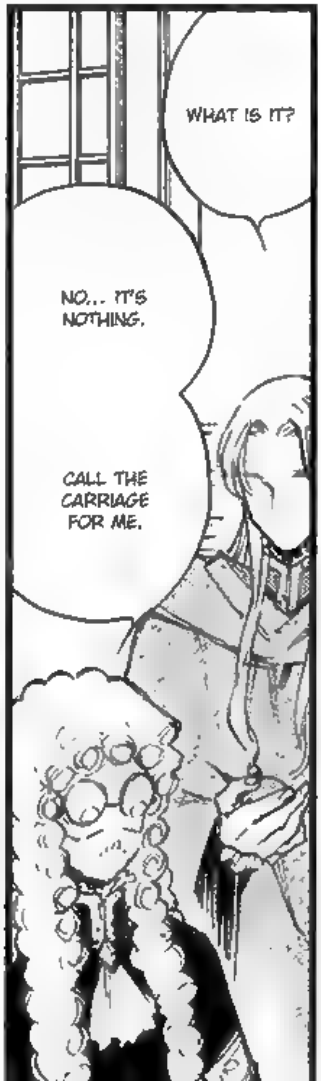

PERFECT?
I'VE BEEN CALLED TO THE PALACE, TOO. HIS MAJESTY
HAS A JOB FOR ME.

..

IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT THE MESSAGE IS FROM THE QUEEN MOTHER.
IF IT IS, I HOPE I CAN DO WHATEVER SHE NEEDS OF ME.

I can't put it nto words. This murky feeling
Well, regardless, he goes wherever he will.

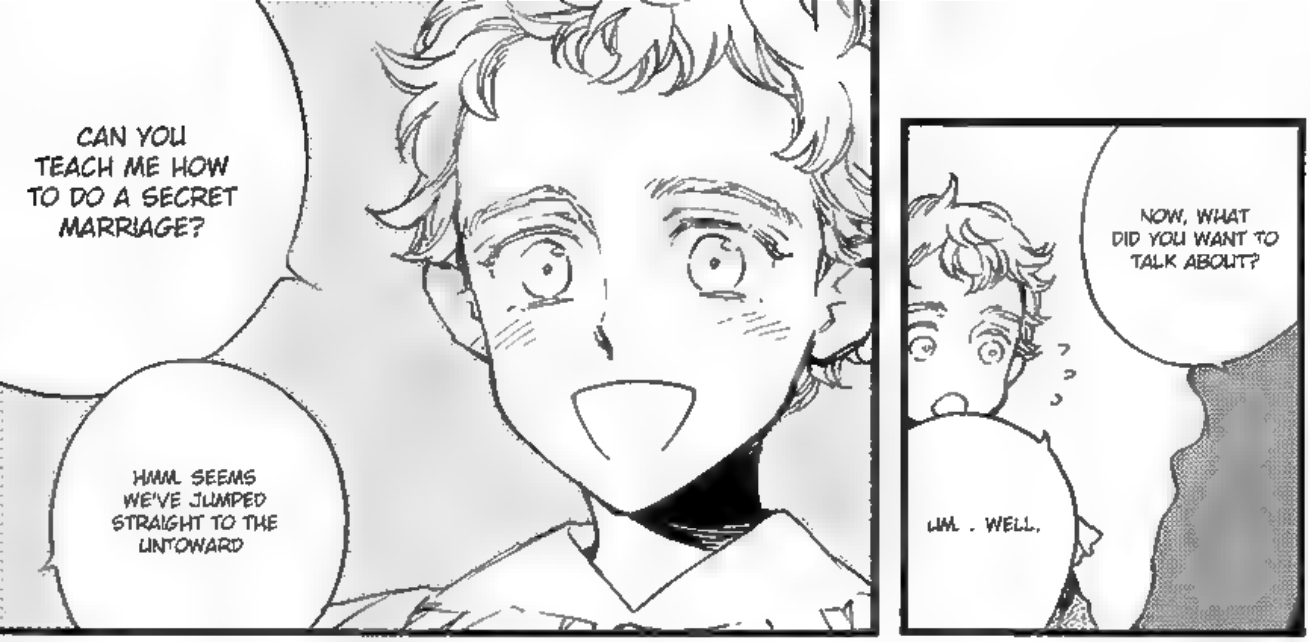

Hahh~ I wonder when we'll be able to have dinner~
I d d tell him to cooperate with her before, but


WHAT IS IT?
NO... IT'S NOTHING.
CALL THE CARRIAGE FOR ME.

Shall we eat at the palace?
I'm hungry.

WELCOME, VISCOUNT CANNING.
THANK YOU FOR COMING!

PLEASE, CALL ME ADAM, MAJESTY.
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
UM... LIONEL, PLEASE LEAVE US ALONE.
EH!?
BUT..
DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE WITH HIM.
THAT'S WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT!
I WANT TO TALK WITH HIM. CAN YOU LEAVE US ALONE?
UGH. UNDERSTOOD.
YOU'D BETTER NOT TEACH OUR INNOCENT MAJESTY ANYTHING UNTOWARD, VISCOUNT CANNING.


CAN YOU TEACH ME HOW TO DO A SECRET MARRIAGE?
HMM. SEEMS WE'VE JUMPED STRAIGHT TO THE UNTOWARD
NOW, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
UM . WELL.

THEN FIRST YOU MUST PROPOSE AND HAVE HIM ACCEPT
NO, I'VE NOT ASKED HIM YET.
I DON'T MIND BUT
SECRET MARRIAGES ARE WHERE YOU MARRY WITHOUT FORMAL APPROVAL FROM THE CHURCH.
HAS PRINCE LUKA ACCEPTED YOUR MAJESTY'S PROPOSAL?

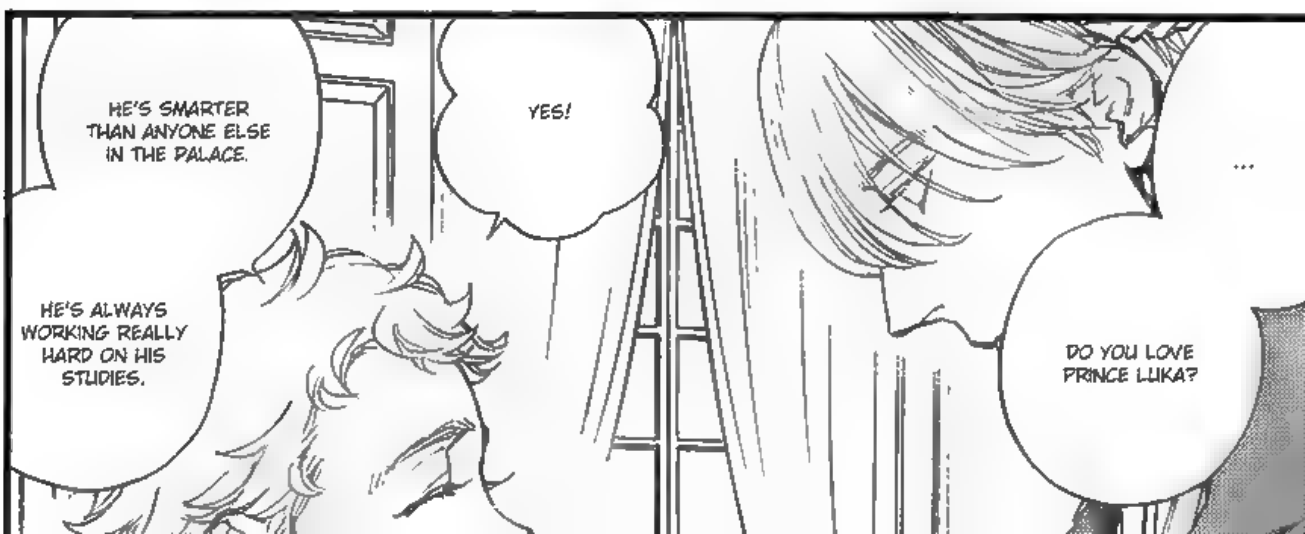
I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND. CAN'T I JUST MAKE A ROYAL DECREE?
THERE YOU GO, EXERCISING ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY WITH SUCH CLEAR EYES~
THAT'S WHY PEOPLE WHOSE PARENTS DISAPPROVE OF THEIR MATCH OR HAVE OTHER HINDRANCES CHOSE TO GET MARRIED IN SECRET INSTEAD.
IT TAKES TIME FOR THE CHURCH TO MAKE PREPARATIONS, YOU SEE. THEY ALSO ASK ANY WITNESSES IF THEY HAVE OBJECTIONS TO THE MARRIAGE.
Hmm.
THIS MIGHT BE A BIT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND. .

THAT'S A RELIEF. YOU'RE A GOOD KING, YOUR MAJESTY
shake shake shake
HOWEVER, PRINCE LUKA WOULD DEFINITELY REFUSE TO EVER SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN IF YOU DID.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT WITH THAT?

IF YOU DON'T MIND BECOMING A TYRANT THEN YOU CAN USE THAT OPTION .

HE'LL BE DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE.
DOES PRINCE LUKA LOVE YOU, YOUR MAJESTY?
EH... I-I DON'T KNOW.

IN TRUTH, GETTING YOUR PARTNER'S ACCEPTANCE IS THE HARDEST PART.
ESPECIALLY AS PRINCE LUKA IS HEIR TO
A LARGE COUNTRY. HE PROBABLY CAN'T BE SWAYED BY YOUR MONEY OR STANDING...


HE'S SMARTER THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THE PALACE.
YES!
HE'S ALWAYS WORKING REALLY HARD ON HIS STUDIES.
...
DO YOU LOVE PRINCE LUKA?

KINDS OF THINGS I DON'T,
BUT HE NEVER ACTS STUCK UP ABOUT IT.
AND HIS BODY'S WEAK, SO I HAVE TO PROTECT HIM!
AND... AND.. UH...
AND HE'S SO CUTE!!
I SEE, I SEE, THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT POINT.

IF YOU CAN GET PRINCE LUKA TO FALL FOR YOUR LOOKS, TOO, THEN THAT IS THE FIRST STEP ON THE ROAD TO MARRIAGE. .
WHEN LOVING SOMEONE, THE FIRST THING WE MUST EXTOL IS APPEARANCE!
THIS IS ME SAYING IT, SO YOU CAN BE SURE I'M RIGHT.

EVEN JUST LOVERS...
WANT TO MARRY LORD MONTAGUE?
THE STEP BEFORE MARRIAGE WOULD BE ENOUGH...

...BUT IF PRINCE LUKA IS AS ROCK-HEADED AS LORD MONTAGUE THEN YOU MAY HAVE SOME PROBLEMS.
AHHH, THAT'S RIGHT AHHH, IT'S NO GOOD. IF ONLY HE WOULD THINK ME EVEN A LITTLE BIT BEAUTIFUL...
ADAM, DO YOU ?

Siiiigh~
...INDEED, YOU'RE VERY SMART, MAJESTY.

SO THERE ARE SOME THINGS HARD EVEN FOR BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE AND KINGS.

there there
THEN YOU'RE NOT GOING BACK TO XEHANA, ADAM?
YOU'RE GOING TO BE MY SUBJECT?
I'M OPTIMISTICALLY CONSIDERING IT, BUT...

IF YOU BECOME MY VASSAL I'LL GIVE YOU A RING.
YOU CAN PROTECT MONTAGUE FOREVER!
YOU'RE A WONDERFUL KING, MAJESTY...
THE QUEEN OF XEHANA IS COMING TO THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT?
THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
THE POPE'S AGE MEANS HIS MOBILITY IS LIMITED AND HE CANNOT MAKE IT, HENCE THE QUEEN'S ATTENDANCE.
THIS IS A DECISIVE MATTER.
IT'S LORRAINE'S FIRST NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHT.
HAVING THE EMBODIMENT OF THE GODDESS HERSELF COME TO GIVE HER BLESSINGS WOULD BE A GREAT HONOR FOR LORRAINE.

I'D RATHER WE HAD SOME CIVILIAN GUARDS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC ORDER IN THE CAPITAL, IN ACCOMPANIMENT TO THE USUAL ROYAL GUARD.

OUR MILITARY STRENGTH ISN'T QUITE UP TO PAR, CURRENTLY .

THE ATTENDANCE OF HER PERSONAL GUARD WILL BE A BOON, HOWEVER.

I'M EXTREMELY CONCERNED WITH THE PRACTICALITIES OF IT.

I'LL HAVE TO CONSIDER WHETHER IT CAN BE SUPPORTED BY OUR TAXES...

IT MAY BE MORE REALISTIC TO GATHER AN AUTONOMOUS DIVISION COMPOSED OF MEN, ALREADY EMPLOYED, WHO CAN BE CALLED UPON IN AN EMERGENCY.

WHY NOT PUT ON A DISPLAY TO FIND RECRUITS?

MAKE IT A DREAM JOB FOR THE YOUNG.

PUT ON ENTERTAINMENT AND THEY'RE SURE TO COME RUNNING... SPEAKING OF,

THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BORED LATELY.

YES... I'LL CONSIDER IT.

...HMM.

HOW ABOUT GETTING THAT TROUPE YOU'VE BEEN HOUSING TO HELP?

THAT SOUNDS QUITE GOOD. IT WOULD MAKE FOR AN INTERESTING PLAY.

APPARENTLY THE MAN IN IT WAS MODELLED ON YOUR VISCOUNT CANNING.
PFFT
HE'S QUITE POPULAR AMONGST THE ARTISTIC COMMUNITY THERE ARE A LOT OF SONGS AND PLAYS USING HIM AS INSPIRATION. THERE'S EVEN A STATUE.

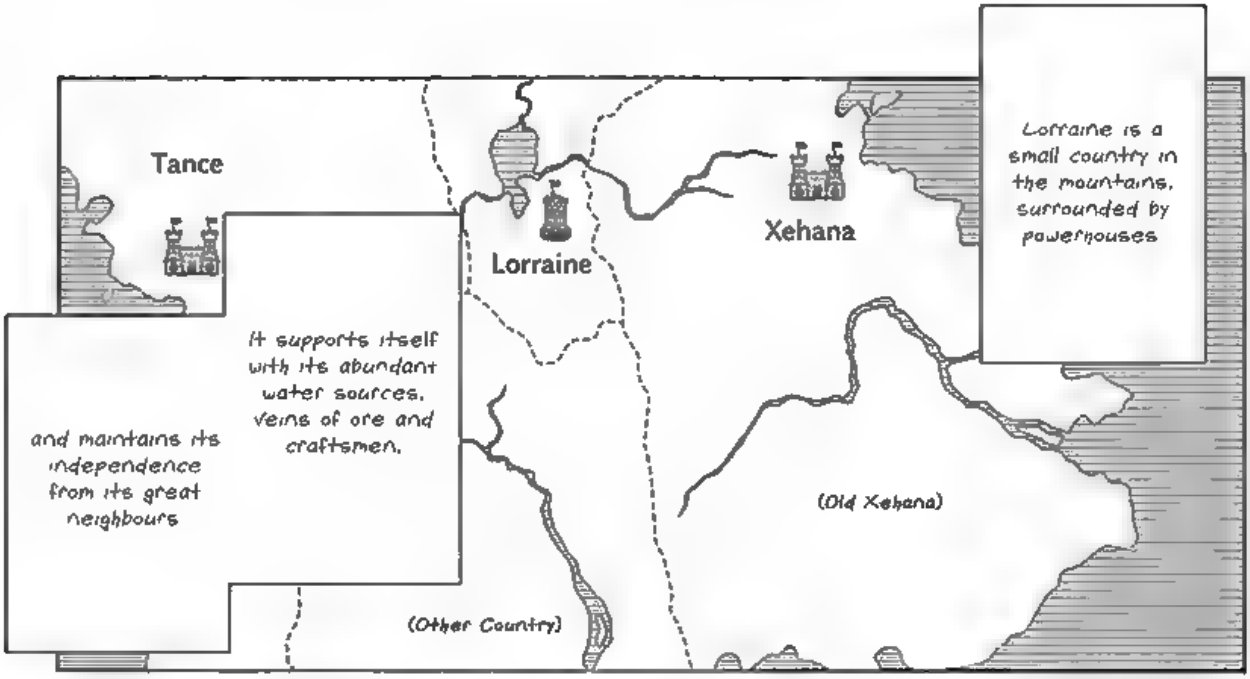
ONE OF XEHANA'S SONGS HAS MADE IT OVER THE BORDER.
IT'S A FILTHY THING THAT'S BEING SUNG IN EVERY DRINKING ESTABLISHMENT.
IT'S ABOUT A WOMAN APPEALING TO A MAN SHE'S FALLEN FOR, VERY FUNNY.

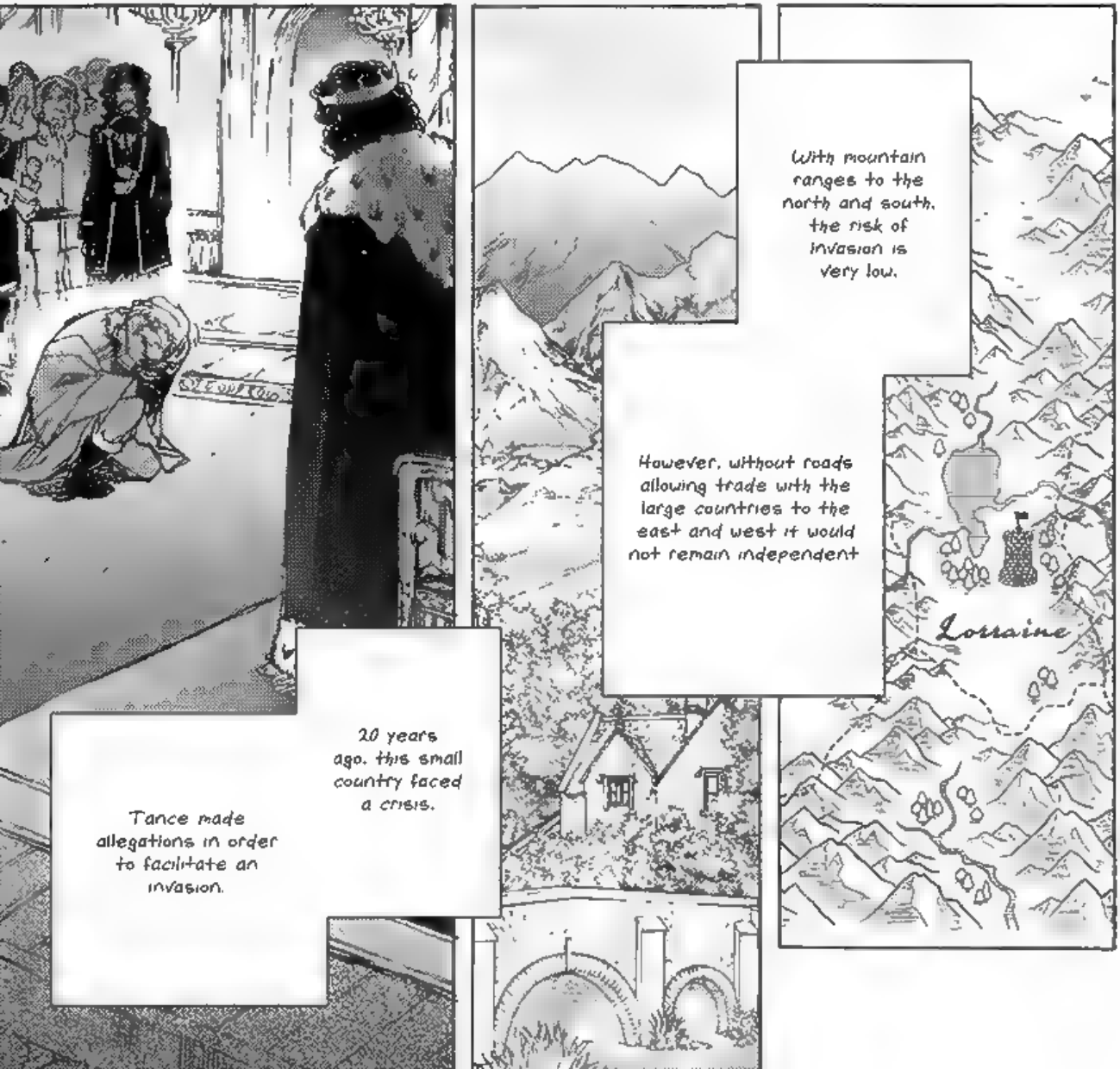
PLEASE DON'T, HE'S LIABLE TO GO FOR IT...
cough
HA HA HA
HOW ABOUT YOU HAVE HIM TAKE PART IN THE DISPLAY?
HE'D PROBABLY DRAW IN QUITE THE CROWD.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THE POPE WILLINGLY ARRANGED IT. YOU'LL BE AN AIDE IN THE LORRAINE BRANCH OF THE CHURCH.
OH, AND ABOUT THAT POSITION IN THE CHURCH YOU WERE ASKING ABOUT.
So that's where all his conf dence comes from. ?
Statue..?

I'LL APPOINT YOU AT THE NEXT MASS.
THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO...
YOU'RE THE MAN WHO SAVED XEHANA, AFTER ALL.
THE CHURCH WOULD NEVER TURN DOWN A REQUEST FROM YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.
MAKE SURE YOU START SHOWING UP OCCASIONALLY.
I USUALLY EXPLAIN YOUR ABSENCES AWAY AS YOU OFFERING PRAYERS FROM HOME.
I'M HUNGRY. LET'S HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT BEFORE WE CONTINUE.
SHOULDN'T HAVE BECOME A POLITICIAN, THEN.
LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO BE VERY BUSY UNTIL NEXT YEAR'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHT..


Tance
Lorraine
Xehana
Lorraine is a small country in the mountains, surrounded by powerhouses
It supports itself with its abundant water sources, veins of ore and craftsmen,
and maintains its independence from its great neighbours
(Old Xehana)
(Other Country)


With mountain ranges to the north and south, the risk of invasion is very low.
However, without roads allowing trade with the large countries to the east and west it would not remain independent
Lorraine
20 years ago, this small country faced a crisis.
Tance made allegations in order to facilitate an invasion.

At the time, Lorraine's king had only recently been crowned

He was a benign king, and he and his Privy Council were thrown into chaos

Amongst all this confusion a young man stepped forward to offer the King a suggestion...

PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING A QUEEN FROM XEHANA'S ROYAL FAMILY.

HOW EXACTLY TO YOU INTEND TO MARRY MY BROTHER TO THE QUEEN OF XEHANA?

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS. XEHANA'S TO CROWN ITS ONLY UNMARRIED PRINCESS AS ITS QUEEN.

(Lorraine)
(Xehana)
(Old Xehana)
OLD XEHANA IS NOW UNDER DOMINION BY XEHANA, BUT UNREST IS STILL DEEPLY ROOTED IN THEIR HEARTS.
OLD XEHANA IS STILL SMOULDERING FROM THE UNIFICATION. THIS WOULD BRING THEM OVER TO OUR SIDE.
...YES.
WE TAKE THIS YOUNG WOMAN TO LORRAINE, THUS REMOVING A THORN FROM XEHANA'S SIDE, MAKING THEM INDEBTED TO US?

THIS WILL PIT THE THREE KINGDOMS AGAINST EACH OTHER. AND
WE NEED OLD XEHANA AS AN ALLY
TO FACE TANCE, WE NEED XEHANA AS AN ALLY. TO ACHIEVE THAT,

JUST LIKE THAT? THAT WOULD NEVER WORK.
SILENCE, SIMON.
NO ONE ELSE HAS SUGGESTED ANYTHING LIKE THIS.

WE COULD THEN USE THIS TO FORM A PERMANENT PEACE AGREEMENT WITH ALL THREE.
Chatter

LORD JUDICIARY, WHO IS THIS BOY?
IT'S AN INTERESTING PLAN. I CAN SEE WHY THE LORD JUDICIARY HAS GIVEN IT HIS BACKING.
HIS NAME IS MONTAGUE, YOUR MAJESTY
HE'S A STUDENT OF COMMON BIRTH, BUT HE'S SURE TO BE A SUPPORT FOR YOU IN THE FUTURE.

VERY WELL, ASK HIM TO DRAFT THE AGREEMENT.
SEND A MESSENGER TO THE MEMBRADO FAMILY OF OLD XEHANA.
BROTHER! YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY INTEND TO GO WITH THIS NOBODY'S PLAN!?

WHAT DO YOU INTEND FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE AGREEMENT, MONTAGUE?
..SIRE,
I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE OUR NEIGHBOURS' PARTICIPATION-

IF YOU HAVE A BETTER IDEA THEN LET'S HEAR IT, SIMON!
IF NOT THEN SHUT YOUR MOUTH!

AND HAVE IT WRITTEN INTO THE TREATY THAT 'SHOULD ANY OF THE SIGNATORIES SUFFER AN ATTACK, THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THIS ALLIANCE WILL COME TO THEIR AID.'

. IS

WHAT THAT AUDACIOUS YOUNG STUDENT SAID TO THE FORMER KING.

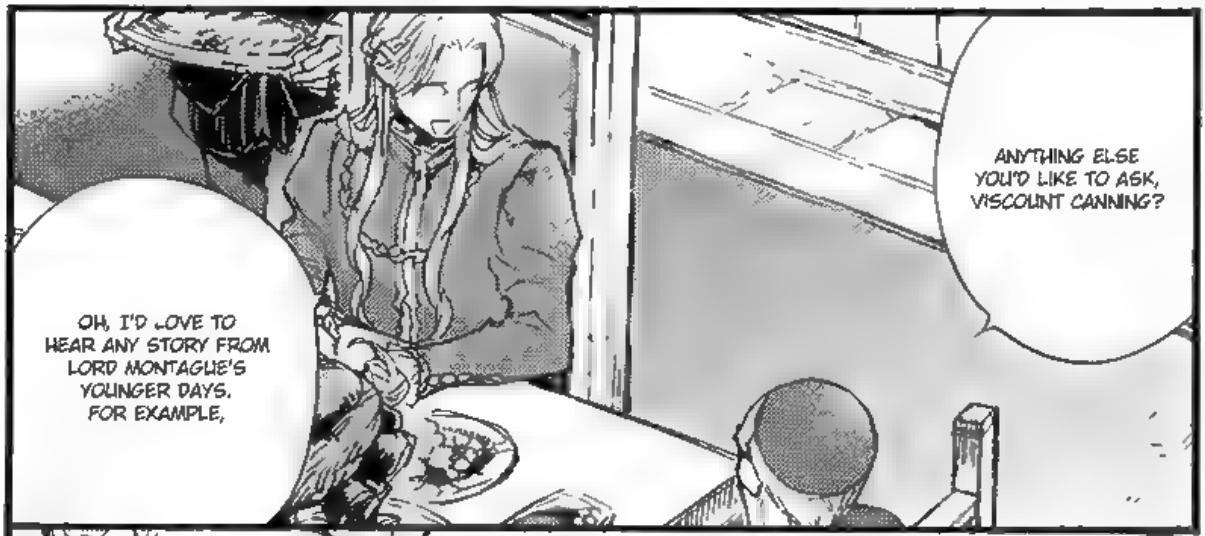
PLEASE DON'T TALK LIKE YOU WERE THERE.

YOU HAD YET TO EVEN ARRIVE IN LORRAINE AT THAT POINT

Ohhhhh

SO THE RESULTS OF THE PLAN WAS THAT XEHANA WAS PROTECTED, ALONG-SIDE LORRAINE.
TANCE HAD BEEN PLANNING TO SUBJUGATE LORRAINE AND USE IT TO HELP INVADE XEHANA.
I SEE!

INDEED... SO WHEN XEHANA HEARD SAID YOUNG MAN HAD BEEN MADE A MEMBER OF LORRAINE'S PRIVY COUNCIL THEY WERE ALL A FLUSTER AND SENT ME OUT HERE.
THAT'S HOW THREATENED THEY FELT BY HIM.


ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO ASK, VISCOUNT CANNING?
OH, I'D LOVE TO HEAR ANY STORY FROM LORD MONTAGUE'S YOUNGER DAYS. FOR EXAMPLE,

WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE, ANY ROMANTIC INTERESTS, IF THERE HAPPEN TO BE ANY PORTRAITS OF HIM FROM THAT TIME!
HA HA HA
THE RUMOURS ARE RIGHT ABOUT YOU, YOU CERTAINLY HAVE UNUSUAL TASTES.
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN A WIG-WEARING WEIRDO.

BUT YOUR VISCOUNT WANTS TO KNOW.
HE'S NOT MY ANYTHING!!
BAM
OHH. SCARY.

THERE SHOULD BE SOME PORTRAITS.
DID YOU NOT HAVE SOME MADE AND SENT OFF FOR MATCHMAKING PURPOSES? THERE'S PROBABLY PLENTY LYING AROUND
OF COURSE NOT, I REFUSED ALL MATCHMAKING...
ANYWAY, LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THIS ANYMORE!

I'VE NEVER GOTTEN TO TALK WITH YOU LIKE THIS BEFORE, CARDINAL. YOU'RE A GOOD MAN. I GET THE FEELING
WE'LL GET ALONG FAMOUSLY.
OH, I'M VERY HAPPY TO HEAR IT.
I'D ALREADY MOVED TO LORRAINE BY THE TIME YOU ARRIVED IN XEHANA'S COURT, AFTER ALL...

ha ha ha
IT'S SUCH A SHAME I WASN'T ABLE TO SEE THESE ANECDOTES WITH MY OWN EYES.
slump
...
Oh, I'm not such a good storyteller as that
Looks like both the philanthropists are getting along like a house on fire

THE MARRIAGE PROPOSAL WAS A HUGE SUCCESS.
WHEN THE KING RECEIVED HER PORTRAIT, HE FELL IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.
OH MY.

. . .MORE IMPORTANTLY,
IT WASN'T OFTEN THAT A COMMONER WOULD BE GIVEN PRESCIENCE IN COURT.
THE PREVIOUS KING HAD A LOT OF FORESIGHT

IT WAS THANKS TO THAT STROKE OF LUCK THAT THINGS PROGRESSED SO SMOOTHLY.
I SIMPLY RODE THAT WAVE.

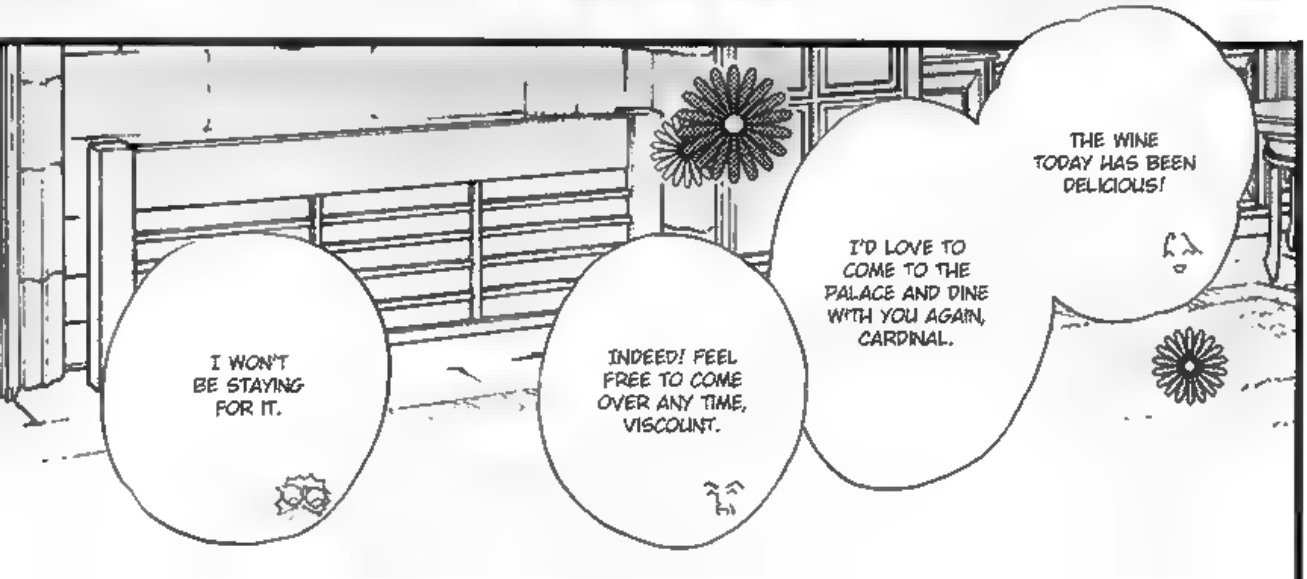
I REFUSE TO EVER PLAY AGAINST HIM.
THERE'S NOT A PERSON IN LORRAINE WHO'LL AGREE TO SIT AT ANY CARD TABLE HE'S AT.
I want to go home.
WOW

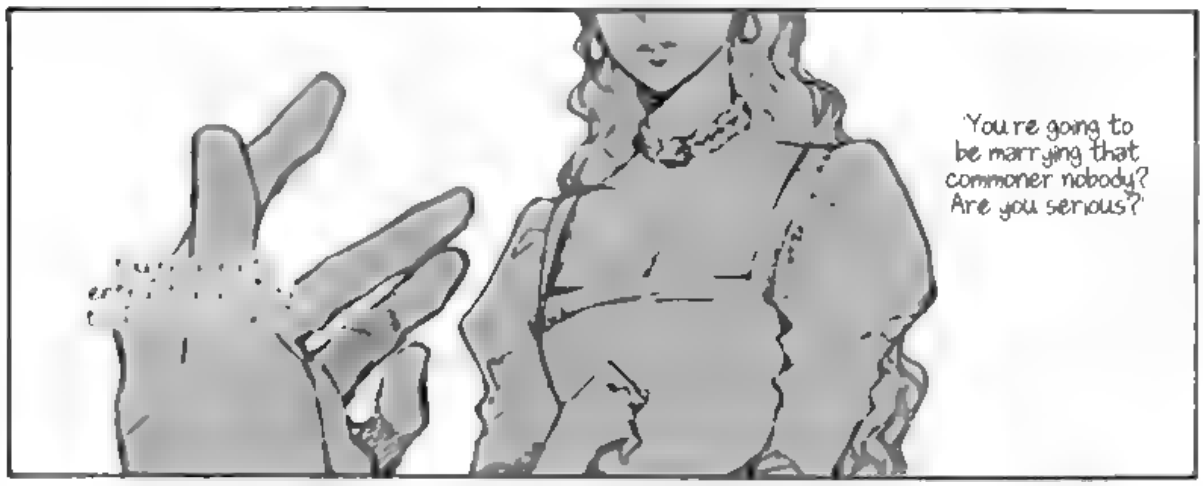
THIS MAN'S PLAIN BUT HIS LUCK IS SOMETHING ELSE.
HAVE YOU EVER PLAYED CARDS WITH HIM?
I HAVE. HE TOOK ME FOR EVERYTHING I HAD.
RIGHT?

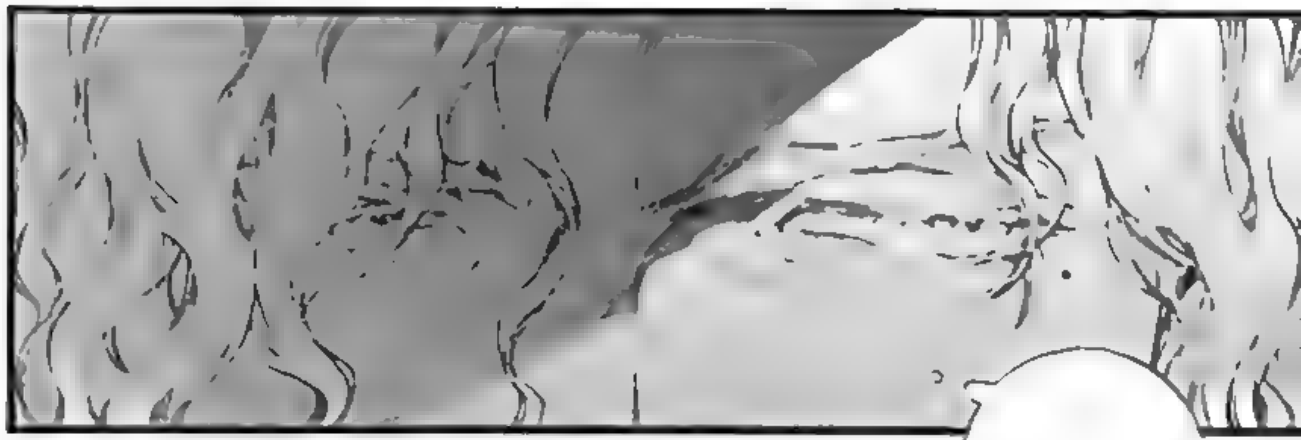
sigh
..HE MADE MY LIFE IN THE PALACE HELL.
HE WOULD OPPOSE EVERYTHING MONTAGUE PROPOSED.
BUT HE WAS A FIRM BELIEVER IN ARISTOCRATIC CONSERVATISM, SO THEY NEVER GOT ON WELL TOGETHER.

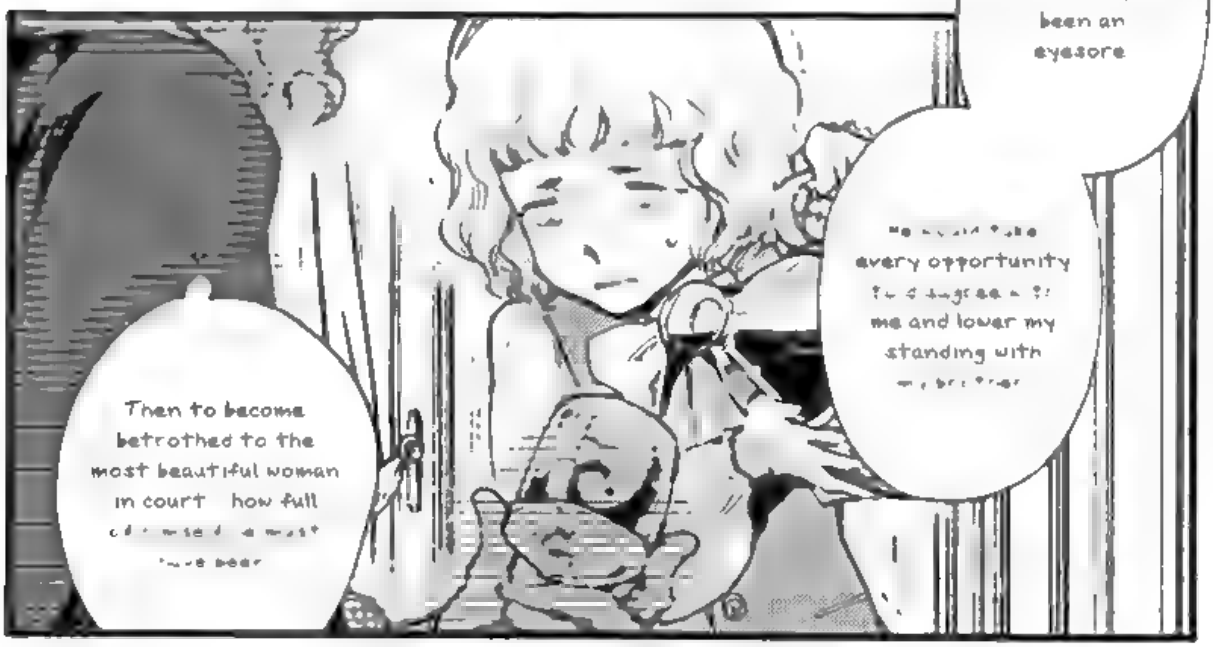
WELL, IT WASN'T ALL GOOD
HIS MAJESTY'S UNCLE... THE FORMER KING'S YOUNGER BROTHER, SIMON, IS THE SAME AGE AS MONTAGUE,

Ohhh
IF I COULD GO BACK IN TIME, I'D DEFINITELY STOP MYSELF.
WELL, I WAS YOUNG THEN..
YOU'VE NEVER HAD ANY SOCIAL SAVVY.
WELL YOU NEVER LEFT HIM ANY DIGNITY, DID YOU? YOU'D BEAT HIM SOUNDLY IN CARDS.


I WON'T BE STAYING FOR IT.
INDEED! FEEL FREE TO COME OVER ANY TIME, VISCOUNT.
I'D LOVE TO COME TO THE PALACE AND DINE WITH YOU AGAIN, CARDINAL.
THE WINE TODAY HAS BEEN DELICIOUS!


You're going to be marrying that commoner nobody? Are you serious?




He's always been an eyesore
every opportunity me and lower my standing with
Then to become betrothed to the most beautiful woman in court how full

He was smarter than me. My brother trusted him more than me. The people adored him more than me

Everything about him drove me to fury

Why do you refuse me? I'm the king's younger brother!

everyone always choose him. ?!

CRASH

IF THAT MAN HADN'T INTERFERED MY LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN SMOOTH SAILING!!

I WOULD HAVE BEEN GOVERNING THE COUNTRY AFTER MY BROTHER'S EARLY DEATH!

SIGH
...WILL I LIVE MY WHOLE LIFE IN THAT MAN'S SHADOW? I'M GOING TO TOSS HIM INTO THE RIVER,
JUST LIKE I DID TO THAT GIRL.
I SWEAR I WILL...!

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WOW! LUKA, THAT COSTUME REALLY SUITS YOU!
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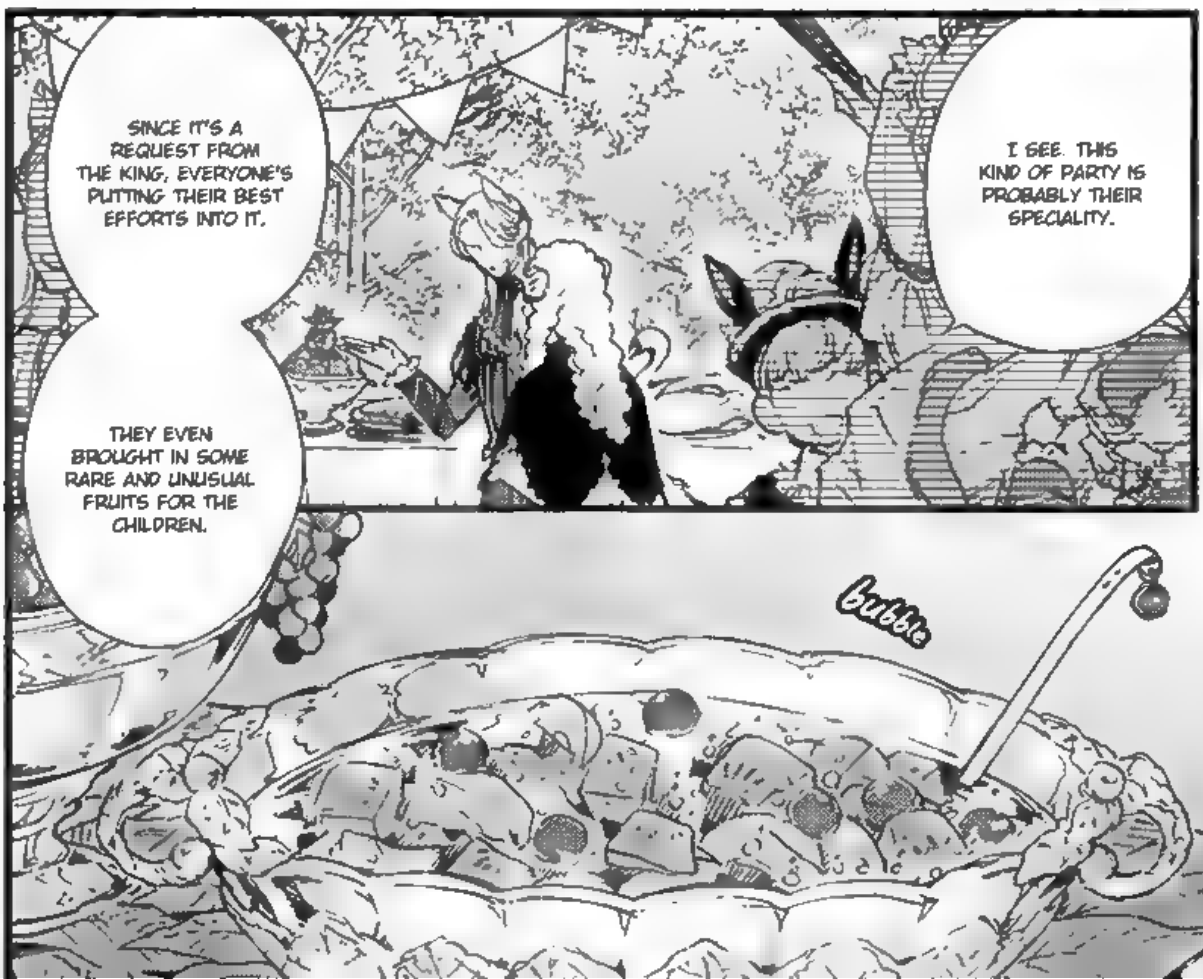
.....
.....

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME...
WE'RE HAVING A WOODLAND TEA-PARTY!
UM... WHAT IS THIS...?
THERE'S LOADS OF SNACKS SO ENJOY YOURSELF!
DID THE ADULTS REALLY HAVE TO JOIN IN?
OF COURSE! IT'S A WOODLAND TEA-PARTY!
HOW CAN THE CHILDREN ENJOY THEMSELVES IF THE ADULTS AREN'T?

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THAT, OLIVIER. WE CAN USE THEM FOR WHATEVER WE ENJOY.
...AH.
OH, SO THAT'S TODAY'S OUTFIT.
YES, I'M HERE AS A TROUPE MEMBER TODAY

IN XEHANA THESE KINDS OF PROPS ARE USUALLY USED AT A CERTAIN DUBIOUS KIND OF BANQUET.


SINCE IT'S A REQUEST FROM THE KING, EVERYONE'S PUTTING THEIR BEST EFFORTS INTO IT.
I SEE. THIS KIND OF PARTY IS PROBABLY THEIR SPECIALITY.
THEY EVEN BROUGHT IN SOME RARE AND UNUSUAL FRUITS FOR THE CHILDREN.
bubble

WHAT'S THIS, GIL? YOU LIKE CHILDREN'S SNACKS?

Could this be !?

HELP YOURSELF

YOU WERE TALKING TO THAT VISCOUNT BEFORE, DID YOU SAY THIS WAS YOUR FAVOURITE?

Hm.

Ah,

NO, UM...

WAIT, DID HE HAVE THIS PREPARED JUST FOR YOU?

AH, MASTER GIL!

So which is your favourite?

I DON'T SEE THE APPEAL MYSELF, I PREFER WINE...

AND PRINCE FREDAUX, IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
I'M SURE YOU'LL MISS PRINCE LUKA DEARLY.
VISCOUNT CANNING.
INDEED, BUT THIS PARTY WILL HELP EASE THE ACHE.

I HAD THE CHAMBERLAIN PREPARE A SELECTION OF FRUITS, MASTER GIL, SO I HOPE YOU ENJOY THEM.
EXCUSE ME.
AH... THANK YOU.

I JUST HEARD SOME OF THE GUESTS SAYING THAT YOU ORGANIZED EVERYTHING?
IT'S WONDERFUL, VERY XEHANIAN.
I JUST EMPLOYED SOME EXCELLENT ENTERTAINERS.
I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU'RE ENJOYING IT.

...SO YOU'RE GOING TO EAT WHAT HE PREPARED FOR YOU, HM?
Ngh.!

EAT.
HAVE ALL YOU WANT.
Now!
What a childish order!

And he'd been less pr ckly lately, too.
The wine?
NO,
IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO, THEN I'LL REFRAIN.
HAH?
YOU THINK I'D GIVE YOU SUCH A CHILDISH ORDER?

THE EARS ARE NICE, TOO, BUT THE TAILS ARE LOVELY
VERY CHILD-LIKE.
THE PARTY'S JUST STARTED, PLEASE SLOW DOWN.
SHUDDUP I'M HAVING ALL I WANT, TOO

AND THE CHILDREN LOOK ADORABLE IN THEM.

INDEED

HO HO HO

SO THEN I ASKED ABOUT HOW TO HAVE A SECRET MARRIAGE BUT

IT LOOKS LIKE WE CAN'T BECAUSE WE'RE ROYALTY

LE-GAL-I-TIES ARE REALLY COMPLICATED

So he's not given up on that

HEY, CHRIS.

HM?

I'M NOT A GIRL, YOU KNOW?

BUT I'M A BOY!
YOU ONLY WANT TO MARRY ME BECAUSE I LOOK LIKE A GIRL, RIGHT!?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!
THAT'S WHY I WAS ASKING EVERYONE. .
WELL, YEAH, I KNOW THAT.

YES!
IS THAT WHAT WANTING TO MARRY YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE CUTE IS. .?
Hmmm
UH... MAYBE...?

LIFT

I'M ONLY WEARING THESE CLOTHES BECAUSE THE MAIDS WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO PREPARE THEM FOR ME, AND MY HAIR'S ONLY LONG

THAT'S WHY I HAVE DRAWERS ON UNDERNEATH!

BECAUSE THEY SAID LETTING MY NECK GROW COLD IS BAD FOR MY HEALTH!

Wah!

...I ONLY WEAR THESE FRILLY, FLUTTERY CLOTHES FOR MY HEALTH.

SO WHEN PEOPLE CALL ME CUTE. .

WAIT, WAIT, YOU SHOULDN'T DO THAT!

IT'S NOT EMBARRASSING! I'M NOT A GIRL!

NOOO!

IT'S EMBARRASSING FOR BOYS, TOO!

Eh!?

I'M SORRY, WAS I UPSETTING YOU ALL THIS TIME?

...IT'S OK. .

WHOA, THAT'S SO CUTE!
sniff
SO CAN YOU STOP CALLING ME CUTE?

I'M SORRY, BUT THAT WAS REALLY CUTE!
Ack!

EH?
I DON'T THINK IT'S LIKE THAT.
Slide
HEY, LUKA.
...

THEN I MIGHT UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE,
SHLORE
AND YOU MIGHT UNDERSTAND ME, TOO.
Slide
BU-DUMP
HELP ME WITH THE CLOTHES?
...!
SO LET'S SWAP CLOTHES WITH EACH OTHER, OK!
Ok, arms up!
Help me with mine, too
Uuu..
This feels way more embarrassing
BUDUMP BUDUMP

OKAY!
WELL? HOW DO I LOOK?
ta—dah
...
THEY DON'T LOOK BAD, BUT... UM.
THEY'RE NOT VERY YOU...?
RIGHT?

RIGHT?
...NO.
DO I LOOK LIKE A GIRL NOW?
YOU LOOK CUTE IN MY CLOTHES, TOO.
I THINK YOU'RE CUTE BECAUSE YOU'RE LUKA.
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE CUTE 'CAUSE YOUR CLOTHES MAKE YOU LOOK LIKE A GIRL.

I DON'T LIKE YOU BECAUSE YOU LOOK LIKE A GIRL.
I FEEL ALL SOFT INSIDE WHEN I LOOK AT YOU,
AND LIKE I CAN BE SUPER STRONG.
I CAN BECOME A REALLY STRONG KING WITH YOU AS MY FRIEND.
THANK YOU, LUKA!

BUT I'M GLAD.

EHEHE.

I ALWAYS THOUGHT

THAT CHRIS LIKED 'LUKA THE GIRL', EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT ONE.

BUT YOU WERE SEEING ME AS I AM.
I'M GLAD.
THAT MAKES ME REALLY HAPPY,
CHRIS.
BUDUMP
...!

SINCE WE SWAPPED COSTUMES, LET'S GO OUTSIDE
AND SHOW EVERYONE!
budump
budump
budump
Rwoof

...
CHRIS?

...I SEE.
SO THAT'S WHY YOU CHANGED CLOTHES?
OH, HIS MAJESTY'S FINALLY PROPOSED.
LUKA! MARRY ME!!
!?
How lovely
Hinch
KYAHH!?

HEY, LUKA, SO WILL YOU MARRY ME NOW?
NO.
SHOCK
NO, NO, IT'S NOTHING. .
Sniffsh
?
crack crack
FOR ADULTS, EXCHANGING YOUR CLOTHES LIKE THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN A DECLARATION OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP . .
I THOUGHT MY HEART WAS GOING TO JUMP OUT MY MOUTH.
BUT
I'LL WRITE YOU LOTS OF LETTERS.
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOUR REPLIES BACK IN TANCE.

'...I think you should take the chance to carve these memories into your heart
In the future they will support and comfort you'
I see
So this s what Montague was talking about
I never want to forget how pretty he is like this

Like a beautiful ring with a sparkling gem...
I'll remember this in the future and admire it...
ADAM!
ADAM ARE YOU HERE!
WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS?
THERE YOU ARE!
IT'S MONTAGUE'S MISSING SECRETARY. HE'S BEEN FOUND...
...WE'VE FOUND
SECRETARY BASIL'S BODY...!

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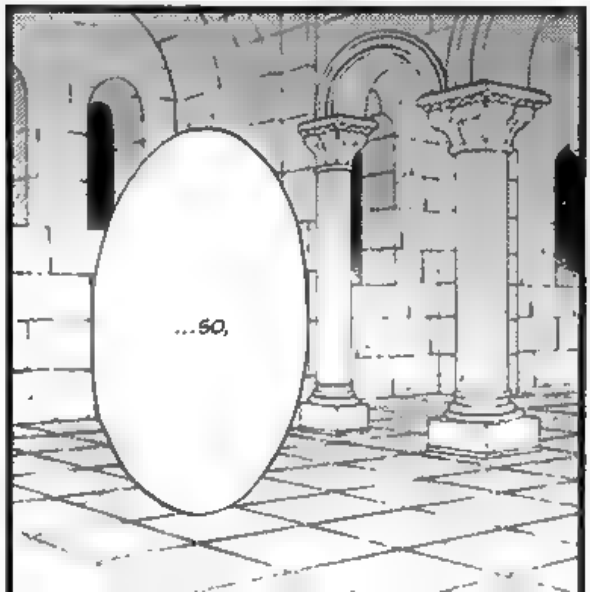
BANG
WOW! FIREWORKS!
WOW, CHRIS. .!
THEY'RE SO PRETTY!

BANG
BANG
Crackle...

TAKE OVER FOR ME.
DID YOU DO THIS FOR ME?
SIR.
YEAH. IT'S YOUR FAREWELL PARTY


...SO,

CLICK

SINCE YOU'VE GATHERED US ALL TOGETHER LIKE THIS,
I'LL ASSUME THAT SECRETARY BASIL'S BODY
INDICATES THAT HIS DEATH WAS NOT ACCIDENTAL.
...YES, SIR.

HE WAS WEARING HIS VESTMENTS, SO THE CHURCH AND PALACE WERE NOTIFIED QUICKLY.
WE JUST HAD A FAMILY MEMBER IDENTIFY THE BODY, AND IT'S DEFINITELY HIM...
HE WAS FOUND IN THE CANALS SURROUNDING THE PALACE
THIS MORNING BY A FERRYMAN, JUST BEFORE HE COULD BE WASHED OUT TO SEA.

IT MAY BE THE WORK OF A ROBBER, BUT...
THAT TAKES SOME POWER. I CAN'T IMAGINE IT WAS SOMEONE WITH A GRUDGE
IT'S CLEAR THAT HE WAS STABBED IN THE CHEST. A SINGLE THRUST TO THE HEART...

IN OTHER WORDS, HE SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN [illegible] SOMETHING.
HIS PARENTS FILED A REQUEST TO SEARCH FOR HIM SEVERAL DAYS AGO.
THE YOUNG VALET WHO ATTENDED HIM IS ALSO MISSING.

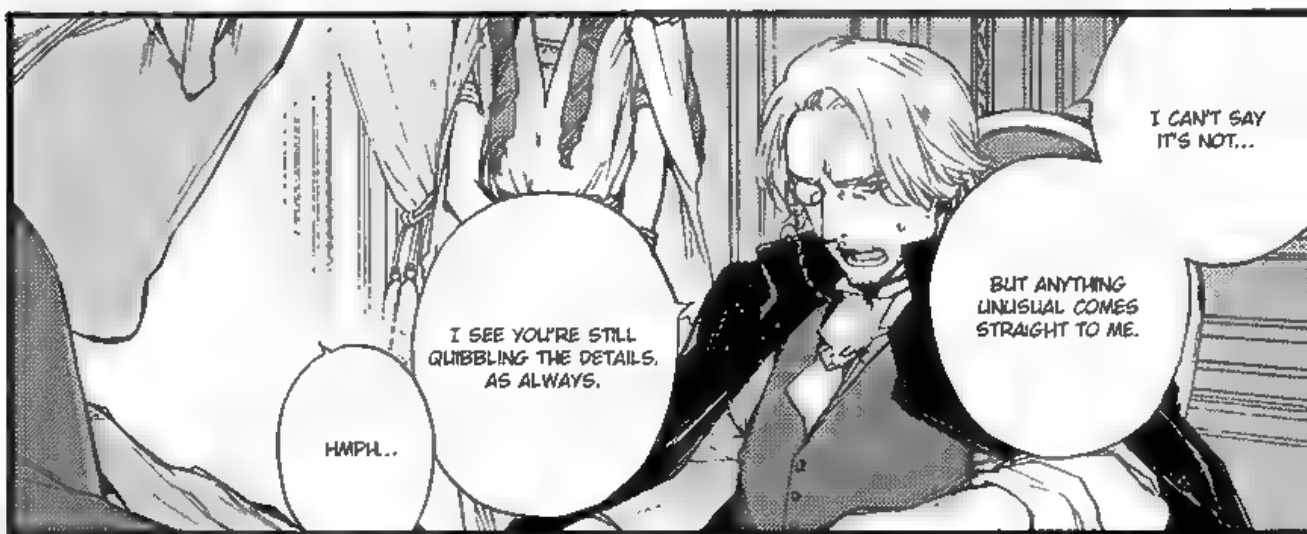
HE WAS A VERY STRONG BELIEVER AND SPOKE LOUDLY AGAINST THE HERETICS.
CONSIDERING HE WAS WEARING HIS VESTMENTS OPENLY AROUND TOWN, IS IT POSSIBLE IT WAS HERETICS WHO ATTACKED HIM?
IT'S A NATURAL CONCLUSION TO COME TO.

. .BUT WHY?
WHY WOULD SOMEONE AIM AT HIM AND NOT ME...?

NO. . THE WORST THEY'VE DONE SO FAR IS SOME CHURCH VANDALISM AND LOUD PROTESTING, RIGHT?
THAT'S A HUGE STEP AWAY FROM SHANKING A BISHOP IN A BACK ALLEY

BESIDES, I HAVE SEVERAL MEN PLANTED IN THE HERETICAL GROUPS AND THEY WOULD HAVE REPORTED
!?
ANY TALK OF GOING OUT AND FINDING A CHURCH MEMBER TO KILL.

YOU'VE NOT CHANGED, CAPTAIN LIZT
IF YOU SAY SO, THEN IT MUST BE TRUE.
HOWEVER, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE KILLER IS HIDING THEMSELVES AND LYING LOW, LIKE YOUR SPIES?


I CAN'T SAY IT'S NOT...
BUT ANYTHING UNUSUAL COMES STRAIGHT TO ME.
I SEE YOU'RE STILL QUIBBLING THE DETAILS, AS ALWAYS.
HMPH...

INDEED...
WE COULD USE THIS AS A REASON TO CRACK DOWN ON THEM, BUT
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT THE HERETICS, MONTAGUE?
TRACING THEIR STEPS ON THE DAY THEY DISAPPEARED TO TRY AND FIND THE MISSING CHILD IS ABOUT THE LIMIT OF IT...
THEN THERE'S LITTLE WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW.

I see.
NATURALLY ANYONE WOULD PREFER A FESTIVAL OVER A RIOT!
I'D PREFER THEY CHANGE THEIR STANCE VOLUNTARILY, AFTER EXPERIENCING WHAT THE FESTIVAL IS FOR THEMSELVES.
MOST OF THE HERETICS ARE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH LITTLE ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH.
I REALLY DON'T WANT TO MAKE ANY WAVES UNTIL THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT IS OVER.

ADAM, LIZT, I'D LIKE YOU TO JOIN THE PLANNING COMMITTEE.
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DISGUISE AN INVESTIGATION AS PART OF THE SET-UP...
THAT'S WHY I'VE DECLARED IT A PUBLIC HOLIDAY AND I'M HAVING THE TOWN DECORATED. I WANT TO MAKE IT INTO A GRAND HOLIDAY.

AHH... I SEE.
GUESS THIS 'LEAVING PARTY' WAS USEFUL AFTER ALL.
INDEED. THE KING'S RETAINERS HAVE ALL HAD A GOOD LOOK AT YOUR ABILITIES.
NO ONE SHOULD OBJECT.
I WANT TO GIVE YOU ALL LORRAINE CITIZENSHIP.
WE'LL CATCH THE CULPRIT WITH OUR OWN HANDS.
...I'M OFFICIALLY DECLARING THIS AS FALLING UNDER MY JURISDICTION.

..
WELL, THIS SURE IS A BIG JOB. WE'LL MAKE SURE NOT TO LET YOU DOWN.
WE WILL INVESTIGATE WITHIN THE JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT. WE'LL CHECK HIS HOME AT THE FUNERAL.
CARDINAL, PLEASE ORDER AN INVESTIGATION INTO SECRETARY BASIL'S MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE CHURCH.
THEN LIZT, YOU HANDLE THE TOWN INVESTIGATION.
I'VE ORDERED MY VALET TO ASK AROUND.
HE'LL LET ME KNOW.
HAS ANYONE RECEIVED THREATENING LETTERS REGARDING ALL THIS?
I hope t's unrelated,
but from this whole situat on, I doubt it

I'M COUNTING ON YOU ALL.
LET'S END IT HERE FOR TODAY.
You've not changed at all.
You've gotten old.
Do you two know each other?
JOEL.
AH... YOU'RE RIGHT.
SORRY, I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION.
THE FARE-WELL PARTY IS THIS WAY.

...
THAT'S VERY LIKE YOU.
TURNING A TEA PARTY INTO A BALL...
THEY'VE STARTED THE EVENING BALL.
YOU CAN HEAR THE MUSIC FROM HERE.
!?
WAH...!

SLAM
Fu
I ALWAYS END UP DOING THINGS LIKE THIS.
PLEASE DON'T RUN FROM ME, JOEL.
...
...ADAM.

.. I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE NOT BORED OF THIS YET..
I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT YOU CAN'T OFFEND ME THAT WAY
SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT..
?
WH-
WHAT?

HM
YOU'RE GOING TO COME JOIN ME FOR A LITTLE BIT
WHAT?
WHAT
WHAT
lift

WHUMP
!?
??
HEY, ADAM...
UGH, NOTHING BUT AN OTTOMAN.
WHAT A BORING ROOM I ENDED UP CHOOSING.
creak
.. NOW, THEN.
tap
WHAT'S TO BE DONE~?
?
ploof

IF YOU WERE A YOUNG LADY, I WOULD TAKE YOU BACK TO THE BALL AND DANCE WITH YOU .

DEAR ME, WHAT A QUANDARY.

...

IS THIS YOU

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO DO TO HELP YOU FEEL BETTER OR TO CLEAR YOUR MIND

SO I THOUGHT A LITTLE REST MIGHT WORK.

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO REST...

TRYING TO FUSS OVER ME?

pat pat

YOU CAN TELL?

IT'S ALRIGHT, WE CAN MAKE TIME.
EVEN IF WE REJOIN THE BALL, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO THERE, RIGHT?
...NGH.
TRY LISTENING VERY CAREFULLY.
SITTING IN THE DARK AND LISTENING TO THE FAINT STRAINS OF FAR-OFF MUSIC IS SURPRISINGLY COMFORTING.

..IT'S QUIET
I CAN
ALMOST FORGET
WHERE I AM...
MM.

YOU GOT ME THERE.
HA HA HA

Sigh
YOUR LAP ISN'T SOFT AT ALL.
..

SHOULD I TALK NONSENSE?
..NO, I'M GOOD.

rustle
...I'M HOT
!

smile
..
So easy to read

ruffle
...HAHHH.

AH.
. . I'M FALLING ASLEEP.
THAT'S THE IDEA. DON'T WORRY,
I'LL WAKE YOU UP WHEN IT'S TIME.

IT HELPS YOU TO RELAX KNOWING, I'M HERE, RIGHT?
HMM, I'M SUCH A GOOD SUBORDINATE.

MAYBE IF YOU DIDN'T SAY IT YOURSELF...
BUT HOW WILL I GET CREDIT FOR MY DEEDS IF I DON'T REPORT THEM?

NORMALLY SUBORDINATES WOULDN'T OFFER THEIR LAPS AS PILLOWS THOUGH?
REALLY?
WELL, CONSIDERING I'M YOUR FRIEND AND IN UNREQUITED LOVE WITH YOU
THIS IS JUST ABOUT
CREAK
whoosh

THIS IS THE KISS I THOUGHT YOU WOULD TAKE EARLIER
BUT DIDN'T.
DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST NIGHT WE MET?

YOU ASKED ME 'ARE YOU SOME MAIDEN, THAT YOUR LIPS ARE WORTH SO MUCH?'
DO YOU REMEMBER THAT? HMM?
pinch
..!?
HOW ABOUT NOW?
YOU MIGHT END UP PUTTING DOWN ROOTS IN THIS COUNTRY FOR THESE 'WORTHLESS LIPS', HMM?
fu
...SEEMS THEY'RE PRETTY COSTLY.

WHUMP
ALRIGHT, I'M GOING TO TAKE A NAP
DON'T JUMP ME, I'M TIRED.

Shocked at himself for obeying on reflex.
??
???
.....!?
!?
ZZZ

Nghhh.
Have I fallen for someone outrageous !?
ZZZ

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PRINCE LUKA.
DON'T LET THE WIND IN, YOU'LL CATCH A COLD.
OKAY
JUST A LITTLE LONGER.
CLANG!

CLANG
WAH!
THUMP
SWING
HUWA.
YOU MIGHT DO WELL AS A SPEARMAN.
YOUR SKILL NEEDS WORK, BUT YOU HAVE GOOD VIGOR.

...HEY, WHAT'S ALL THIS?
I THOUGHT WE'RE RECRUITING FOR THE VIGILANTE CORPS?
chatter
chatter
YES... WELL.

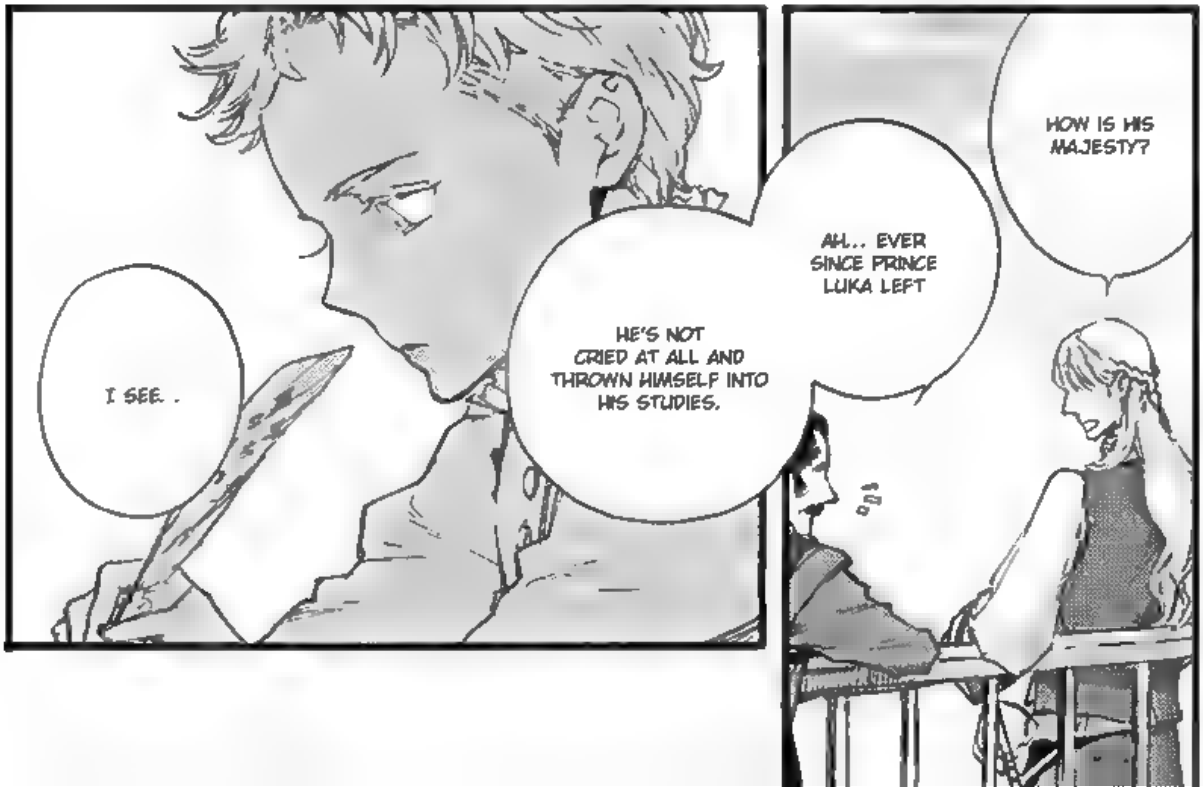
WE CAN SPAR AGAIN ONCE YOU'VE IMPROVED.
YES., SIR...

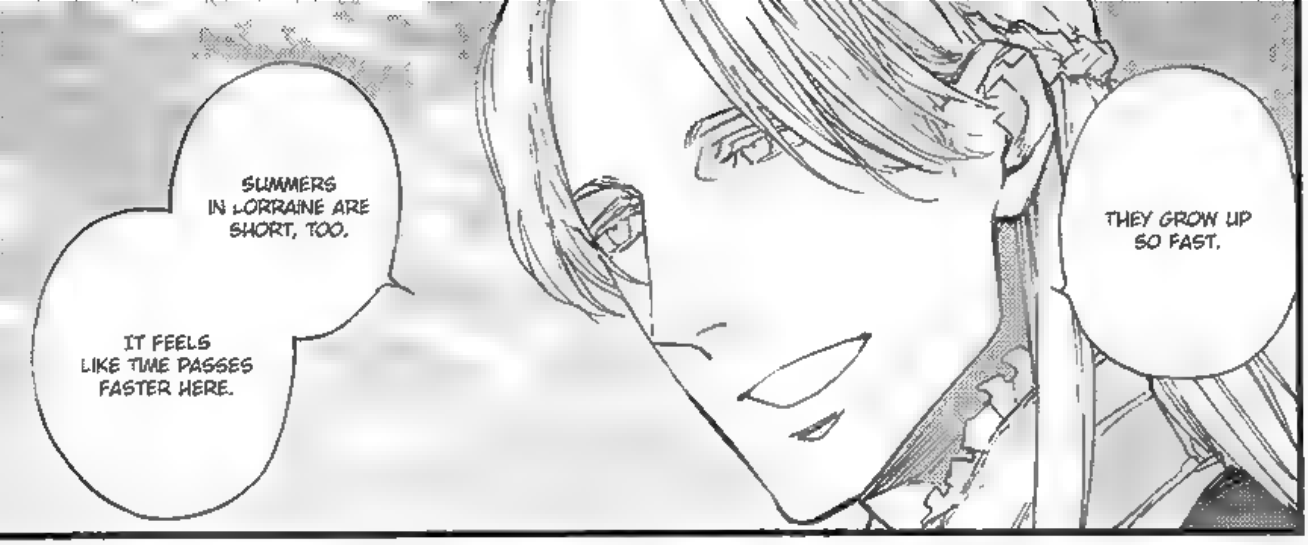
Kyahhh
flip
HE'S LIKE A RARE BEAST ON DISPLAY...
AND PEOPLE WANTING TO TAKE A LOOK...
AND SINCE THE PLAYWRIGHTS USED THE CAPTAIN AS THEIR MODEL, THERE'S BEEN A CONSTANT STREAM OF HOPEFULS WANTING TO SIGN UP
THE PLAY THE CAPTAIN'S TROUPE PUT ON HAS BEEN A BIG HIT

LIONEL, YOU'RE HERE.
YES, I WAS COMING THIS WAY ANYWAY.
I'M GLAD TO SEE IT'S GOING WELL, BUT THE VIGILANTE CORPS WON'T BE UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION.

WHY DO YOU SEEM HAPPY ABOUT THAT?
Fufufu
HE HAS ME IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND
THAT'S TRUE, BUT LORD MONTAGUE TOLD ME TO COME AND SHOW MY FACE EVERY SO OFTEN..

THEY WILL NOMINALLY BE THE KING'S SOLDIERS, AFTER ALL
IT'S AN HONOUR.
WELL, ANYWAY, THERE SEEM TO BE A LOT OF HOPEFULS HERE.


I SEE..
HE'S NOT CRIED AT ALL AND THROWN HIMSELF INTO HIS STUDIES.
AH.. EVER SINCE PRINCE LUKA LEFT
HOW IS HIS MAJESTY?


SUMMERS IN LORRAINE ARE SHORT, TOO.
IT FEELS LIKE TIME PASSES FASTER HERE.
THEY GROW UP SO FAST.

I'M BAD WITH THE COLD...
THAT'S PRETTY SENTIMENTAL OF YOU.
OUR WINTERS ARE LONG, THOUGH, SO BETTER BE READY FOR THAT.

W-WHY DO I HAVE TO...
LOOK, EVERYONE! THE CAPTAIN'S HERE TO SEE YOU!
LISTEN TO ME!
Dragooo
Ohhh!

ALRIGHT. SINCE YOU'RE HERE, LIONEL,
GO AND SHOW THE PEOPLE WHAT THE CAPTAIN OF THE KING'S GUARD CAN DO.
HAH!?

CAPTAIN, CAN YOU COME BACK SOON?
THE HOPEFULS DON'T REALLY WANT TO SPAR WITH US...
OH, RIGHT.

SO YOUR LITTLE BROTHER IS ON HIS WAY HOME, MY FRIEND?

YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN. I'M HURT.

.PARDON ME.

I'M JUST DEEP IN THOUGHT.

THAT PARTY THEY HELD FOR HIM IN THE PALACE GARDENS WAS SO FLASHY.

OUR GARDENS ARE BEAUTIFUL, EVEN COMPARED TO THE REST OF THE PALACE.

THEY WERE CREATED FOR MY GRANDPARENTS, YOU KNOW

..

I HAVE TO ASK YOU.

HM?

WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU

PLANNING TO START HERE?

I DOUBT YOU'RE GOING TO STAY HOLED UP IN THESE ROOMS FOREVER.
YOU STILL REFER TO THEM AS 'OUR GARDENS',
SO YOU OBVIOUSLY HAVE A PLAN. TELL ME.
Smirk

DO YOU KNOW THE TOWN THAT DISAPPEARED A FEW YEARS AGO? RUMOURS ABOUND ABOUT IT
OF COURSE IT DIDN'T ACTUALLY DISAPPEAR.
IT WAS THE TOWNSPEOPLE WHO WENT MISSING.
THERE WAS A MERCHANT WHO, WANTING TO CONFIRM THE TRUTH, TRAVELLED TO THE TOWN.
THE PEOPLE SAID IT WAS PLAGUED OR CURSED AND REFUSED TO GO ANYWHERE NEAR.
HE NEVER CAME BACK.
EVEN NOW, IT'S COMPLETELY EMPTY. A GHOST TOWN.
...HOW IS THAT RELATED TO THIS?

IT'S VITALLY RELATED!
..I'VE NO HEAD FOR POLITICS, BUT I'M VERY GOOD AT BUSINESS
I MADE SURE MOST OF MY FORTUNE WAS SECRETLY MOVED ABROAD.
AND MY MOTHER LEFT ME A TOWN IN THE SMALL NORTHERN COUNTRY THAT WAS HER MOTHERLAND.
I RECOVERED THERE AFTER MY ESCAPE

SO WHY THEN, PRINCE LOUIS,
IF I HAVE ALL THAT AM I SO DESOLATE THAT I HAVE TO RELY ON YOUR GOLD?
..
BECAUSE YOU'RE FUNNELLING IT SOMEWHERE?
CORRECT!
THEN THERE WERE THE BRIBES TO THE SOLDIERS AND ARISTOCRATS. I'M FLAT-OUT BROKE.
IT TOOK SOME TIME TO PUT EVERYTHING INTO MOTION... NOW, HERE'S THE TRUTH.
I'VE BEEN BUYING MERCENARIES AND WEAPONS FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES.
MORE THAN ENOUGH TO ATTACK THIS COUNTRY

ALL THOSE MISSING TOWNSPEOPLE ARE BURIED SIX FEET UNDER THAT TOWN.
MY ARMOURY LONG
THIS COUNTRY.

THAT JOKE ISN'T FUNNY, LORD SIMON.
OH, WE HAD A PLAGUE SWEEPING THROUGH AT THE TIME.
THIS COUNTRY ISN'T SO BIG THAT NO-ONE WOULD NOTICE AN ENTIRE TOWN.
THERE WERE PLENTY OF TOWNS WIPED OUT.
IT EVEN KILLED MY BROTHER, THE PREVIOUS KING.
ALTHOUGH I FAILED TO SEIZE THE THRONE IN THE CONFUSION..
sigh
AHHH... IF ONLY IT HAD STRUCK A YEAR EARLIER, MY NEPHEW WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN BORN.
I COULD HAVE EASILY BECOME KING..
...

AHH... BUT WAIT!
I WASN'T EVEN AN OPTION, AGAINST A NURSING CHILD...
DO YOU KNOW HOW I FELT, BEING TOSSED OUT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL WHEN MY BROTHER DIED?
THAT WOMAN HAD A TERM IN HER MARRIAGE CONTRACT THAT ANY CHILD THE MARRIAGE PRODUCED WOULD BE PLACED FIRST IN THE LINE OF SUCCESSION.

YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND HOW I FELT BEST OF ALL!
CREAK!

WHAT ..!?
HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO TAKE THE THRONE AWAY FROM YOUR UNCLE'S SON!?
HOW DID YOU DO IT? HOW DID YOU TAKE THE SUCCESSION?

OUR CIRCUMSTANCES WERE SO SIMILAR!
HAH ?
IT MUST HAVE TAKEN QUITE A LOT OF GROUNDWORK.

I SEE. YOU WERE A CHILD WHO WANTED "IT" TO DISAPPEAR, TOO.

WITHOUT THAT SINGLE CHILD IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A SIMPLE THING I HAVE SUCH TERRIBLE LUCK.
AND YOU HAVE BRILLIANT LUCK!
...

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, I DON'T MIND GRANTING THAT WISH FOR YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?

NOW...
I WONDER WHAT THIS COULD BE?

THAT'S.
THIS IS TODAY'S GIFT.
I WONDER WHAT I'LL BRING YOU NEXT? AN EAR? A FINGER?
I CAN'T HAVE YOU RUNNING, PRINCE LOUIS.
I STILL HAVE THINGS I NEED YOU FOR.
YOU...!

grab

.. NGH...

. .HH.

Sigh

.WHY DO YOU

WANT TO BE KING OF LORRAINE SO BADLY THAT YOU CREATE ENEMIES AT EVERY TURN?

WHO WOULD CALL YOU KING WHEN YOU DO THINGS LIKE THIS?

I COULDN'T CARE LESS WHAT THE LOWER CLASSES THINK.
WHETHER A KING IS BENEVOLENT OR A TYRANT, HE IS STILL A KING.
HE WHO KILLS WILL EVENTUALLY BE KILLED HIMSELF. I'M WELL AWARE OF THAT.
whap
I WAS BORN TO SECOND PLACE.
AS A VASSAL I WAS LOWER THAN EVEN THAT... I WAS WRETCHED.
SO I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, 'JUST ONCE I WANT TO STAND AT THE TOP'.

I DON'T CARE IF I FAIL.. I JUST WANT TO TRY.

IF I CAN FIND MY IDEAL VISION, WITH ALL THE DROSS CUT AWAY, THEN WHY WOULDN'T I WANT TO TRY?

This guy

OH, SO HONEST!

PERHAPS YOU CARE FOR HIM MORE THAN I THOUGHT?

YOU... SAID BEFORE THAT YOU THOUGHT YOU AND I WERE ALIKE.

BUT I THINK THAT LUKA'S SITUATION IS CLOSER TO YOURS THAN MINE IS.

WELL ANYWAY, YOUR LITTLE BROTHER'S SAFETY DEPENDS ON YOUR WALLET.

IF YOU WANT HIM TAKEN CARE OF WELL YOU'LL NEED TO PAY UP ♡

...I WILL.

I THOUGHT ONLY OF MYSELF,

BUT THERE ARE OTHERS AS UNLUCKY AS ME IT SEEMS.

EVENTUALLY THERE COMES A DAY WHEN EVERYONE, EVEN YOUR BROTHER, LAMENTS THEIR OWN MISFORTUNE.

IF THERE'S ONE PERSON WHO CAN RESIST BEING TWISTED BY IT, I'D LOVE TO MEET THEM.

I CAN FEEL SOMEONE'S GAZE...
THE HERETICS?
NO... IT DOESN'T FEEL QUITE...

..?
WHAT'S WRONG?

LORD MONTAGUE.
It doesn't feel like I'm the one being watched.

THANK YOU.
WE'RE INVESTIGATING WHAT HAPPENED TO SECRETARY BASIL...
COME ON... OFFER YOUR THANKS.
...

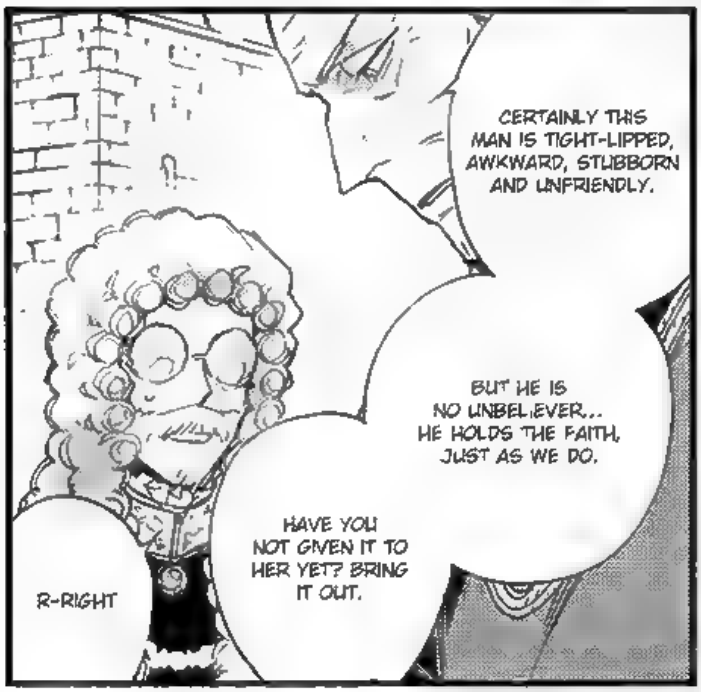
THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO ATTEND.
I'M SURE IT MADE MY FATHER HAPPY.
NOT AT ALL... THIS IS A TRULY SAD TIME...

AN INVESTIGATION... FATHER'S ALREADY DEAD.
TO ENSURE HE REACHES HER SIDE SAFELY...
ALL WE WHO ARE LEFT BEHIND CAN DO FOR HIM NOW IS TO OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO THE GODDESS

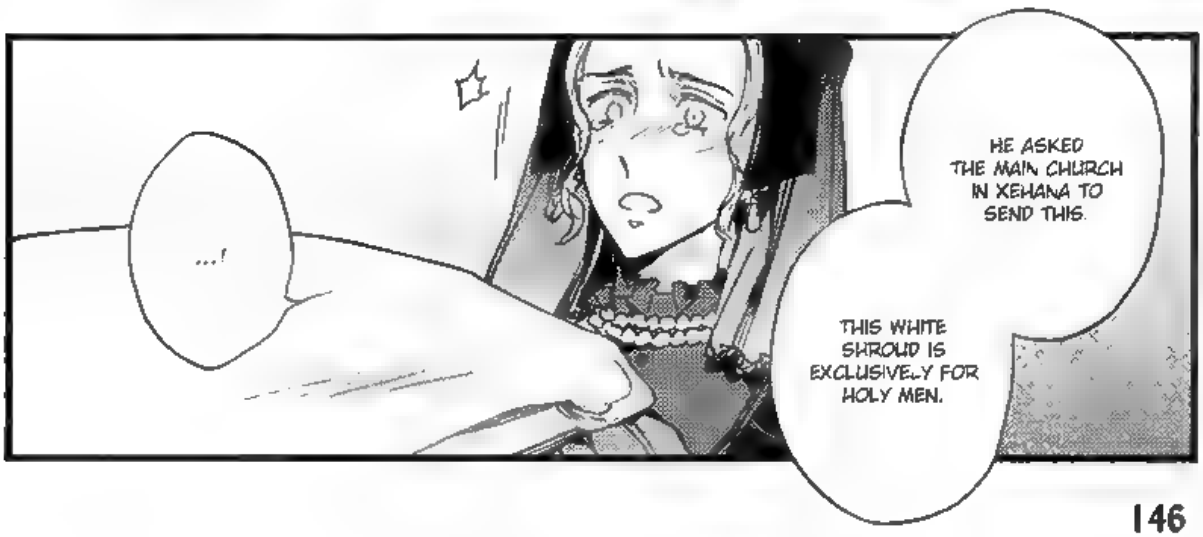
HEY, HE TOLD YOU THEY'RE INVESTIGATING...
FATHER TOLD ME!
YOU DIDN'T OFFER A SINGLE PRAYER DURING THE FUNERAL, YOU JUST STOOD THERE WHISPERING...!
AND YET YOU... YOU...
MURMUR...
HE SAID THAT LORD MONTAGUE BELIEVES IN NO GOD!
HE SAID LORD MONTAGUE MAY BE A DEEPLY SINFUL MAN!
This is bad!

YET YOU WERE THE ONE WHO REPEALED THE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR THAT CRIME!
FATHER ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WAS SUSPICIOUS!
HE SAID THAT NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES HE SUGGESTED IT, YOU REFUSED TO MAKE SURE THE HERETICS WERE BROUGHT TO HEEL. .
MADAM, PLEASE CALM DOWN. .
FATHER APPEALED SO MANY TIMES FOR HERETICS TO BE PUNISHED!
THOSE VERY SAME HERETICS WERE THE ONES WHO KILLED HIM!
IT WAS YOU... IT'S YOUR FAULT HE'S...!
ENOUGH OF THIS SPECULATION.

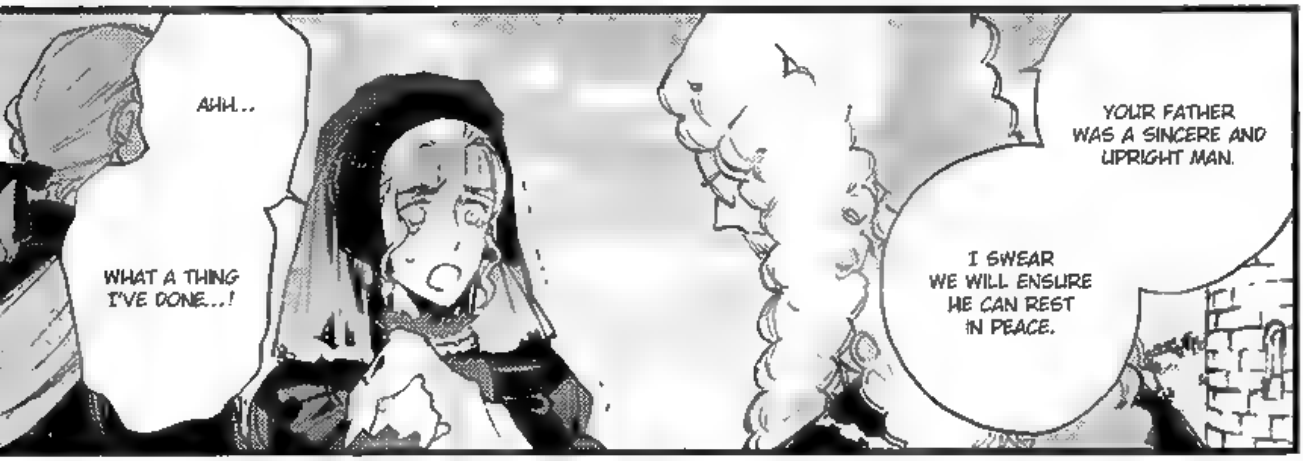
CARDINAL BRANDON...
YET HERE YOU STAND, SHOUTING ABOUT MALICIOUS MOTIVES. .
YOUR FATHER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PASS ON IN FOR WORRY.


CERTAINLY THIS MAN IS TIGHT-LIPPED, AWKWARD, STUBBORN AND UNFRIENDLY.
BUT HE IS NO UNBELIEVER... HE HOLDS THE FAITH, JUST AS WE DO.
HAVE YOU NOT GIVEN IT TO HER YET? BRING IT OUT.
R-RIGHT

murmur...
WE ARE ALL HERE TODAY TO SEE YOUR FATHER SAFELY ON HIS WAY TO THE GODDESS' SIDE.


...!
HE ASKED THE MAIN CHURCH IN XEHANA TO SEND THIS.
THIS WHITE SHROUD IS EXCLUSIVELY FOR HOLY MEN.

I'M DEEPLY SORRY.
TO MAKE SURE THE SHROUD ARRIVED IN TIME FOR TODAY'S FUNERAL.
LORD MONTAGUE REPORTED YOUR FATHER'S WORKS TO THE POPE, AND DID EVERY-THING POSSIBLE
O-OHH...!


AHH...
WHAT A THING I'VE DONE...!
YOUR FATHER WAS A SINCERE AND UPRIGHT MAN.
I SWEAR WE WILL ENSURE HE CAN REST IN PEACE.

'Those around me'
Which means someone here has been pouring poison nto her ear
I'll need to keep an eye out for the source of that gaze.

I LISTENED TO THE WORDS OF THOSE AROUND ME...
AND SAID SUCH FOOLISH THINGS.
NOT AT ALL... THIS IS A HARD TIME FOR YOU.

Looks like they've achieved their goal.
'Lord Montague killed his subordinate to keep his terrible secret quiet.'
A rumour like that will spread like wildfire
I'm going to have to be even more vigilant

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MY,

IT'S QUITE COLD THIS MORNING...
WINTER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

MORNING, CHRIS.
GOOD MORNING, MOTHER.
OH, AREN'T YOU COLD?
GET CHRIS A JACKET

IT'S ALMOST THE 11TH ANNIVERSARY
OF MY HUSBAND'S DEATH. PLEASE CALL LORD MONTAGUE AND THE CARDINAL, I'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW PREPARATIONS ARE GOING.
YES, QUEEN MOTHER.

IT'S ALMOST YOUR FATHER'S DEATH ANNI-VERSARY.
WINTER'S SUCH A MELANCHOLY SEASON.
FATHER DIED FROM A PLAGUE, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT
HE WAS IN ISOLATION, SO I DIDN'T GET TO WATCH OVER HIM AS HE PASSED..

IT WASN'T JUST YOUR FATHER, EITHER. MANY PEOPLE DIED.
LAST YEAR WAS THE 10 YEAR ANNI-VERSARY SO THEY PUT UP A MEMORIAL IN THE TOWN, RIGHT?
THIS YEAR WE'LL BE VISITING BOTH YOUR FATHER'S TOMB
AND THE MEMORIAL IN TOWN.

WE'RE GOING INTO TOWN?
YES... FOR A LITTLE WHILE
BUT THIS ISN'T FOR A FESTIVAL. YOU HAVE TO ACT LIKE A PROPER KING, OK?

MOTHER, WILL YOU TELL ME ABOUT FATHER?
OF COURSE.
WHAT SHOULD I TELL YOU?

I KNOW! SPRAWL BACK AND LOOK DOWN MY NOSE!
GOOD, GOOD.
MAKE SURE TO PRAY PROPERLY, FOR YOUR FATHER AND THE PEOPLE.
I WILL!

ABOUT WHEN FATHER HAD THE KENNEL BUILT!
OH.
THAT'S FROM BEFORE HE MARRIED ME... OH DEAR.
LET'S CALL NANNY AND ASK HER.
OK!
..

They're always watch ng.

We've been held here for days now

With them watching, I haven't been able to talk with Prince Louis properly

Just what happened with S mon ?

SMASH!!

KYAH!

SIMON! WHERE'S SIMON!?

I WANT TO TALK TO HIM!

UWAH!? HEY, SIR, YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE...

SHUT UP! WHERE'S SIMON!?

I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!

EH!?

WH-WHAT'S WRONG!?

VISITORS? I'M GLAD TO SEE THE ARISTOCRACY ARE SO HARD AT WORK!

I, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE BEEN STUCK IN HERE SO LONG I'M GOING CRAZY!

I CAN'T EVEN STAND ANY MORE WOMEN OR WINE!

BANG

I'm so sorry.

IF YOU WANT MY MONEY, THEN I WANT PROOF MY BROTHER'S STILL ALIVE!

OTHERWISE THERE'S NO POINT!

IF YOU'VE KILLED HIM, THEN I WANT OUT OF HERE!

IT'S ALL MY TREAT. ENJOY YOURSELF...

WITH MY MONEY!

I'M PAYING FOR ALL THIS!

Those aren't his usual men

He's noble friends.

I KNOW I'M THE ONE WHO LOCKED YOU IN HERE BY FORCE, BUT

I'M KIND OF IN A CRITICAL SITUATION RIGHT NOW SO CAN YOU NOT INTERFERE?

I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT LITTLE THINGS RIGHT NOW.

MY BROTHER HAD PLANNED STOPS ON HIS JOURNEY, THEY MUST BE GOING CRAZY BY NOW!
DID YOU EVEN THINK UP A DECENT EXCUSE TO TELL THEM!?
AHHH AHHH JUST SHUT UP!

I DON'T GIVE A DAMN.
IF I'M AWAY ANY LONGER THE TANCE AMBASSADORS ARE GOING TO START GETTING TWITCHY!

YOU MEAN WHEN THIS IS OVER YOU'LL HAVE NO MORE USE FOR US?
ARE YOU PLANNING ON KILLING US BOTH AND INVADING TANCE NEXT?
I COULD NEVER DO SOMETHING AS TERRIFYING AS THAT!

NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT ALL THAT!
PLEASE, PRINCE LOUIS, CAN YOU JUST BE A GOOD BOY UNTIL THIS IS OVER AND DONE WITH?
"THIS"?

I'D NEVER PICK A FIGHT WITH A POWER LIKE TANCE!
I WAS THINKING THAT WHEN I TAKE THE THRONE, YOU AND I COULD BECOME GOOD FRIENDS.
...HAH?

ARE YOU BEING SERIOUS?

EH, REALLY? YOU'RE SURE?
?
WE'D BOTH GET SOMETHING OUT OF IT, THOUGH?
UH... YEAH, THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN, AFTER ALL THIS...

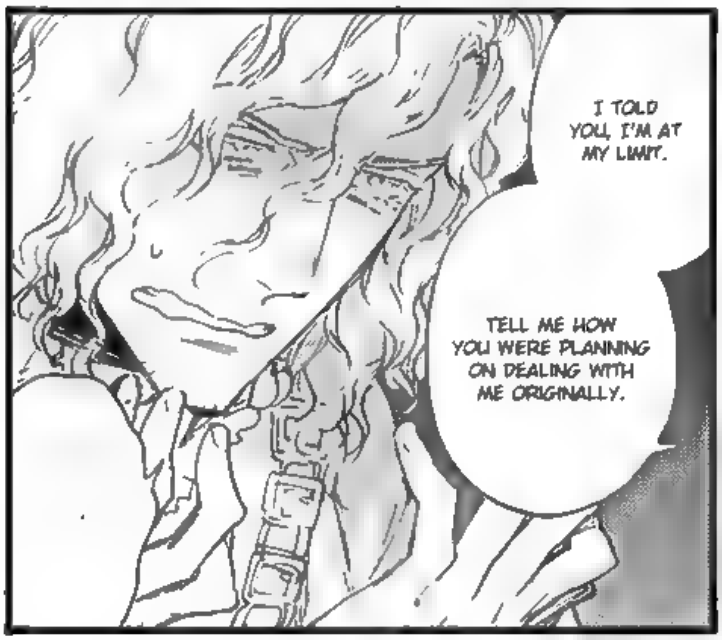
I'D INTENDED TO BE MUCH MORE BUSINESS-LIKE IN MY APPROACH WITH YOU.
I THOUGHT THE TWO OF US WOULD GET ALONG WELL.
WHEN I HEARD YOU WERE MAKING DEALS WITH THE HERETICS, I WAS OVER THE MOON.

DESPITE THE BLACKMAIL, I SHOWED YOU HOW ABLE I AM, RIGHT?
DON'T YOU WANT A TALENTED FRIEND LIKE ME?
SERIOUSLY ?

BUT I FAILED.
I TOOK YOUR BROTHER HOSTAGE, THEN THINKING THAT WOULD UPSET YOU, I BLACKMAILED YOU.
I EVEN TOLD YOU ABOUT THE TOWN.
?

I can't get a good read on this man
He's definitely evil, but
WHY DID YOU KIDNAP MY BROTHER IN THE FIRST PLACE?

IT WAS SPUR OF THE MOMENT...
I WANTED, SO MY MEN ATTACKED...
WHAT ON...
THAT'S MESSED UP..


I TOLD YOU, I'M AT MY LIMIT.
TELL ME HOW YOU WERE PLANNING ON DEALING WITH ME ORIGINALLY.

..SO THE REST OF THIS WASN'T IN YOUR PLANS, EITHER.
I'M NOT HAVING YOU KILL ME AND MY BROTHER ON A WHIM.

YOU SAY THAT, BUT
..
SHOW ME YOUR HAND!
FRIENDSHIP IS NO LONGER ON THE TABLE, BUT IF YOU WANT TO NEGOTIATE THEN WE CAN FIND SOME GROUNDS FOR IT.
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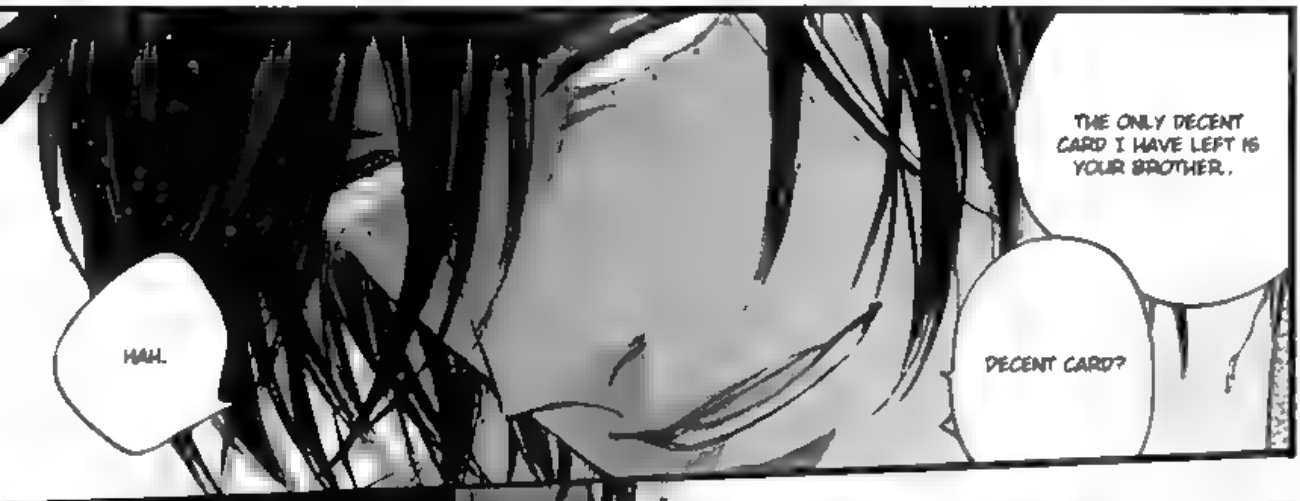
HAH.
THE ONLY DECENT CARD I HAVE LEFT IS YOUR BROTHER.
DECENT CARD?

..THEN,
YOU NEED TO LOOK AT THE BIGGER PICTURE.
PATHETIC..
SIGH
YOU SAID IT YOURSELF THE OTHER DAY.
DOES IT LOOK TO YOU LIKE I CARE THAT MUCH ABOUT HIM?
AHAHA!

YOU DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THAT BOY?

..THAT'S-

SMASH

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE!?

THIS GUY WAS EAVESDROPPING BY THE DOOR.

..GIL?

OH, IT'S YOUR DOG.
NO NEED TO WORRY, THEN.
.NO,
HE HEARD EVERYTHING. THAT'S
...NOT GOOD.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN VERY CAREFUL TO MAKE SURE NO-ONE EVER FOUND OUT HOW I REALLY FEEL ABOUT MY BROTHER...

AND YOU'VE BEEN STANDING NEXT TO ME, WAITING FOR ME TO SLIP THIS WHOLE TIME, HAVEN'T YOU?

YOU'RE PLANNING TO RUN BACK TO YOUR FORMER MASTER... LORD BELTE, WITH MY WORDS, HM?

DID HE PROMISE YOU YOUR FREEDOM IN EXCHANGE? I DOUBT HE WOULD HAVE HANDED YOU OVER TO ME, OTHERWISE

I...
I WOULD NEVER PLOT AGAINST YOU IN SUCH A WAY
PLEASE, YOU MISUNDERSTAND! I REALLY DIDN'T HEAR...
THAT'S JUST IT, GIL.
THE SLIGHTEST MISTAKE, AND THE GALLOWS AWAIT YOU...
YOU MUST HAVE SPENT EVERY MINUTE IN MY PRESENCE TERRIFIED.
I CAN'T IMAGINE YOU'D EVER BEND TO MY CONTROL WITHOUT THAT THREAT HANGING OVER YOUR HEAD.
PRINCE LOUIS...

...NG...
UWAH!
THUD!
...FOR ONCE IN YOUR LIFE, TELL ME HOW YOU REALLY FEEL.

...MY COUNTRY WAS BURNED
MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY TAKEN.
I WAS MADE INTO A SLAVE.
EVERYTHING I SUFFERED...

I REMEMBER IT BITTERLY, EVERY DAY.
I'M TIRED OF LIVING MY LIFE FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF.
...
THEN YOUR CHOICE IS TO RUN OR TO DIE.

Slice
WAH!
GYAAA!
UWAAA!
BA
SHING!
SHING!
BASTARD...!
ALL OF YOUR MEN TOGETHER CAN'T TAKE DOWN MY SINGLE SLAVE?
NOT WORTH MUCH, ARE THEY
GET HIM! DON'T LET HIM RUN!

NOVI!
GIL!
BOOM

LOL.
SPLASH

HAVE YOU BEEN HIDING THAT THING ON YOU THIS WHOLE TIME?
DID HE GET AWAY??
FIND HIM! FIND HIM AND KILL HIM!
HMPH.
IT'S USELESS TO ME RIGHT NOW.
IT'S STILL FAR FROM BEING PRACTICAL

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PAUL..
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT
LORD MONTAGUE

AND I
ARE ALREADY
LOVERS...?

HAH?

HAS YOUR
MIND FINALLY...
I MEAN, HAVE YOU
REACHED YOUR
BREAKING POINT?

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN
'FINALLY'?

NO! THIS
IS A SERIOUS
QUESTION.

I REACHED THIS
CONCLUSION AFTER
THINKING BACK ON
RECENT EVENTS.

UHUH.

IF YOU'RE NOT
SURE THEN WHY
NOT ASK THE MAN
HIMSELF?

WHY MUST YOU
CRUSH MY DREAMS
LIKE THIS. .

YOU SAY 'DREAMS',
SO YOU'VE ALREADY
ACCEPTED THE
REALITY OF THE
SITUATION.

AT TIMES LIKE THIS
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO
SAY 'YOU MAY BE RIGHT,
SIR~' AND LIFT ME UP!

EHHHH...

YOU CERTAINLY SEEM LIKE SOMETHING GOOD HAS HAPPENED TO YOU.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO MAKE YOU SO MERRY?

OHH, YOU WANT TO KNOW? HM?

I'M PERFECTLY FINE WITH YOU NOT TELLING ME.

..

COULD YOU AT LEAST TRY TO BE SUPPORTIVE?

turn

ARE YOU THAT DISINTERESTED IN MY LOVE LIFE?

EH? YOU ARE...?

NO, OF COURSE NOT.

..NOT AT ALL.

Fuu.

SPEAKING IT OUT LOUD WOULD MAKE IT SOUND LIKE A LIE,

OR VANISH INTO THE ETHER, LIKE A DREAM...

YOU'RE SURE IT WASN'T AN ACTUAL DREAM?

IF I TOLD YOU, MR. FRANK WOULD LOSE HIS TRUST
WHY DIDN'T YOU SHARE IT WITH ME!?
I'VE BEEN MAKING GOOD USE OF IT, REST ASSURED.
WHAT DO YOU KNOW, PAUL!?

I AM YOUR MOST ARDENT SUPPORTER. I EVEN GOT
NEW INFORMATION ABOUT LORD MONTAGLE FROM MR. FRANK.
WHAT!?

I'VE ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTING LORD MONTAGLE'S FAVOURITE
SCENTS AND MATERIALS INTO YOUR WARDROBE.
WH. . WHAT . ?

hug
I SEE... SO THAT WAS DUE TO YOU...!
I'M GLAD YOU RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS AFFECTING MY LIVELIHOOD
WHAT A WONDERFUL SERVANT YOU ARE...!
SO PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO WIN HIM OVER QUICKLY.

I LOOKED INTO THE BLACKMAIL, AS YOU REQUESTED.
SECRETARY BASIL HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY OF IT, BUT
HM?

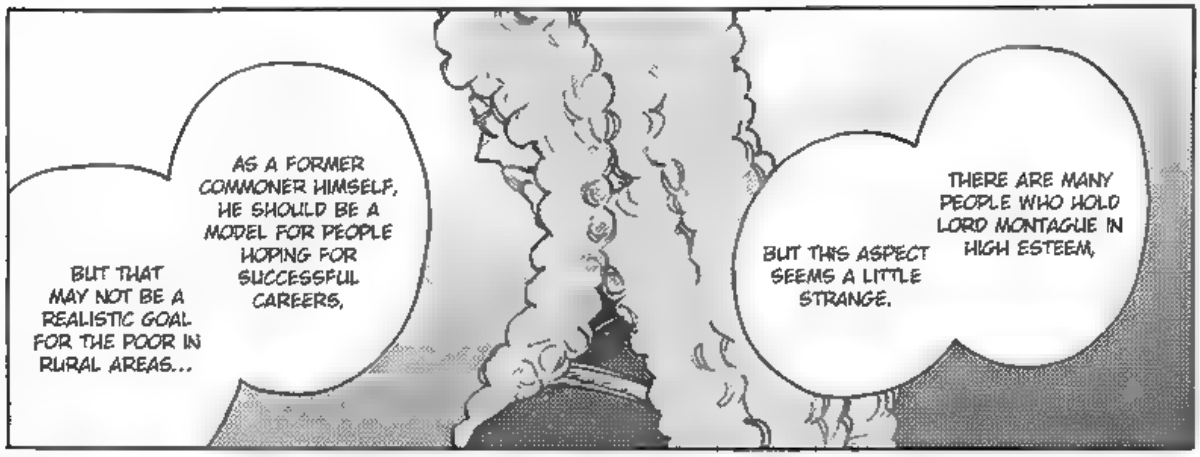
NONE OF THIS IS JAPERY, BUT ALRIGHT. WHAT IS IT?
ANYWAY, THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR THIS JAPERY.

TAKE THIS ONE, FOR EXAMPLE.
flip
ALL OF THE LETTERS SENT TO LORD MONTAGUE MATCH THE PATTERN OF BASELESS SLANDER,
BUT RECENTLY THE ONES WITH SPECIFICS HAVE INCREASED..

'You're responsible for the lives lost when that shoddy bridge collapsed. You're a murderer.'
'I know you're pocketing half the wages.
'Montague, the bridge you had built didn't even last one year.
AND SO I ASKED FOR MR. LIZT'S HELP TO COMB THROUGH THE MORE RURAL AREAS. AS A RESULT...
YET NO MATTER WHERE I LOOKED, I COULDN'T PINPOINT THE SOURCE. I THOUGHT PERHAPS IT WAS COMING FROM OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL.
THIS BOTHERED ME, SO I LOOKED FURTHER INTO IT.

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CURSE HIM, CALLING HIM EVIL.
THE RUMOURS ARE CONVINCING AND HAVE BEGUN TO SPREAD WIDER.
SO SOMEONE WHO HAS THE POWER TO SUPPORT THESE CLAIMS HAS BEEN SPREADING THEM...?

I FOUND THAT SOME OF THE TOWNS BELIEVE THESE THINGS ARE TRUE.
NOT JUST ONE, BUT MULTIPLE TOWNS.
!


AS A FORMER COMMONER HIMSELF, HE SHOULD BE A MODEL FOR PEOPLE HOPING FOR SUCCESSFUL CAREERS,
BUT THAT MAY NOT BE A REALISTIC GOAL FOR THE POOR IN RURAL AREAS...
THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO HOLD LORD MONTAGUE IN HIGH ESTEEM,
BUT THIS ASPECT SEEMS A LITTLE STRANGE.

REGARDLESS, WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO LOOK INTO ANY SIMILAR THREATENING LETTERS?
YES, THANK YOU.

First Secretary Basil's funeral, now this
Something strange s happen ng behind our backs
There's someone suspicious working in secret

BUT RIGHT NOW I REGRET WHERE I COME FROM.
PERHAPS F I WAS A CITIZEN OF LORRAINE, I WOULD HAVE REALIZED THIS SOONER.
DO YOU SEE IT, PAUL?
I'M THE ONE WHO CALLED IN LIZT, BUT

PAUL.
YES.
I LOVE XEHANA AND I CONSIDER MYSELF A TYPICAL XEHANIAN.

EVERYONE AROUND HIM IS A
I WONDER JUST HOW GRADUALLY THIS ISOLATION FROM HIS OWN COUNTRY HAS BEEN CREEPING UP ON HIM.
YES, THE MAIN CHURCH HAS CALLED ME BACK.
I WAS SURPRISED WHEN I HEARD YOU WERE GOING BACK TO XEHANA.
THE POPE'S HEALTH IS FAILING AND THE CARDINALS ARE BEING CALLED TO GATHER.
THAT'S RATHER SUDDEN.
CARDINAL BRANDON!
MONTAGUE.

I'LL NEED YOU TO HANDLE THE MEMORIAL TOMORROW, AS MY REPRESENTATIVE.. THOUGH THE QUEEN MOTHER WASN'T HAPPY ABOUT THE CHANGE. IT PAINS ME THAT I'M NOT ABLE TO CARRY OUT MY DUTIES, SO DO A GOOD JOB FOR ME.

UNDERSTOOD.

I WAS GOING TO PUT OFF RETURNING UNTIL AFTER THE MEMORIAL, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO ENJOY MYSELF.

I CAN'T EVEN DROP IN ON MY HOMETOWN...

MY CONDOLENCES... YOU'VE BEEN CONSTANTLY BUSY RECENTLY.

SURE ENOUGH THEY'VE STARTED SPREADING NASTY RUMOURS ABOUT YOU. DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION, THEY'RE ALL GROUNDLESS.

I'LL SPEAK TO SOME OTHERS OF THE CHURCH AND SEE IF THEY CAN'T TAKE STEPS.

THANK YOU.

...

I'VE HAD SOME GIFTS PREPARED, COULD YOU GIVE THEM TO THE POPE AS A THANKS FOR THE WHITE SHROUD?

AHH. SURE.

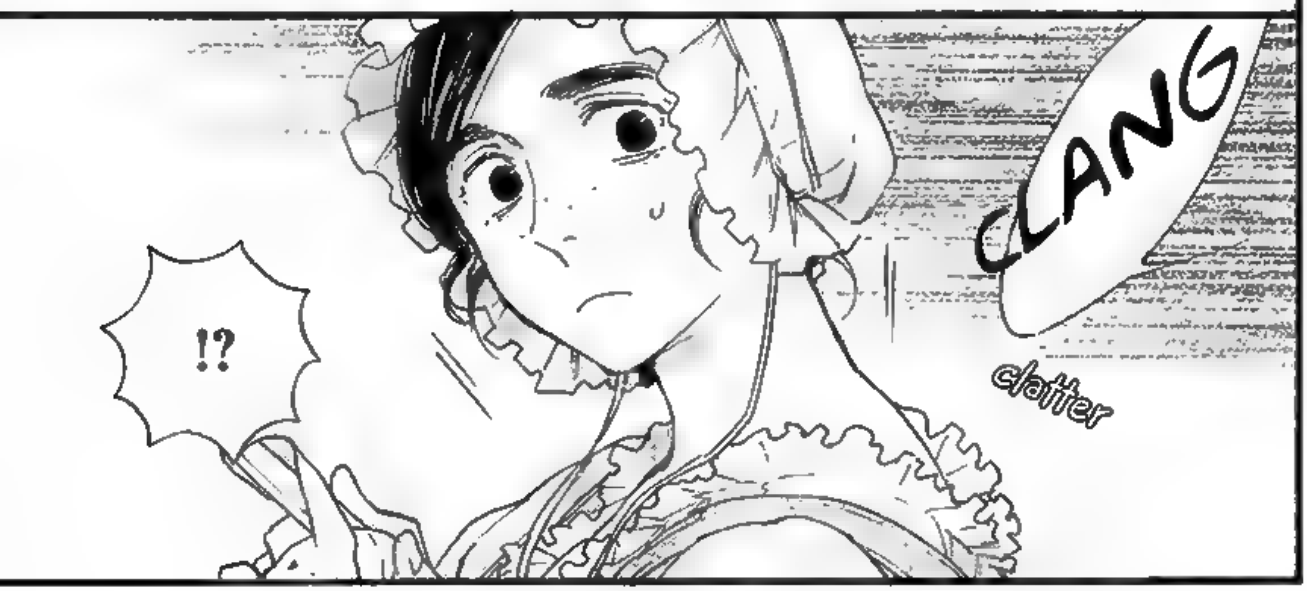
THAT FUNERAL WAS ROUGH.

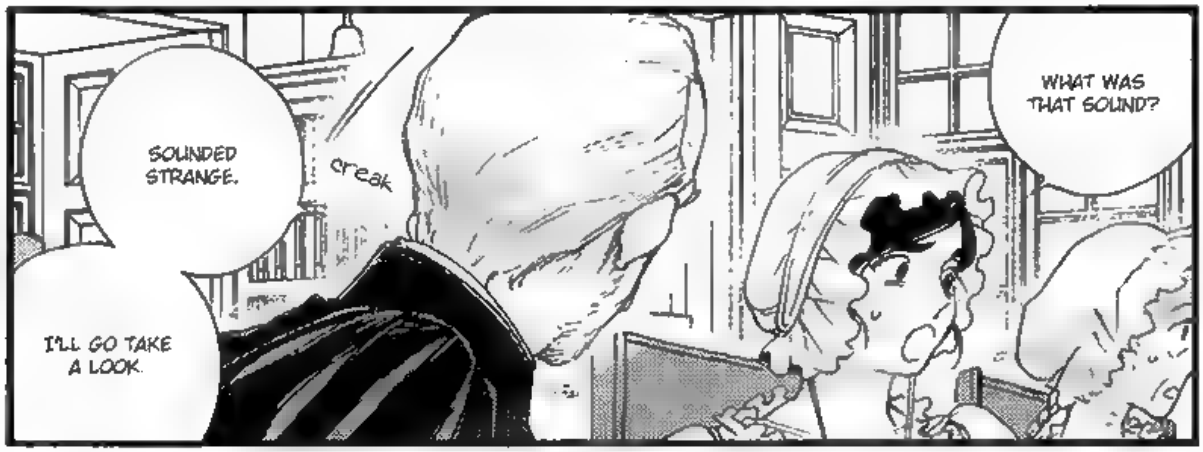
I'LL BE ALRIGHT I DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO UNFAVOURABLE CRITICISM.
I KNOW THIS MIGHT BE HARD FOR SOMEONE AS OVERLY DECENT AS YOU TO UNDERSTAND,
BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD MORE HATEFUL THAN YOU WOULD THINK.
THERE ARE THOSE WHO PRETEND TO BE SAINTS
WHILE MURDERING THEIR FELLOW MAN. DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.
I'LL BE CAREFUL.

chirp
chirp

YES. SAFE TRAVELS.

GOOD. TAKE CARE OF THINGS WHILE I'M GONE, MONTAGUE.


!?
CLANG
clatter


SOUNDED STRANGE.
creak
I'LL GO TAKE A LOOK.
WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?

YOU DIDN'T NEED TO COME...
rustle
I'M WORRIED!

PEOPLE THROWING STRANGE LETTERS OVER THE MANOR GATES AND THE LIKE.
THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF UNREST LATELY.
rustle

ONLY A LAZY BUM WOULD EVER DO SUCH THINGS TO SOMEONE AS WONDERFUL AS OUR MASTER!
THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY UNEMPLOYED, ENVIOUS AND HAVE TOO MUCH FREE TIME ON THEIR HANDS.
IF I CATCH THEM I'LL GIVE THEM A RIGHT HIDING!
?
rustle
YOU ARE TERRIFYING WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY, MARTHA...
!
IS IT SOMETHING WEIRD!?
A LETTER... AND SOMETHING ELSE.
ANOTHER THREATENING LETTER!? FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!?
SOMEONE BROKE A WATER JUG WITH AN ARROW...
JOBLESS BUMS!
WHAT IS THIS. .?

Crush
...CALL ADAM.
CALL FOR ADAM, RIGHT NOW!
S-SIR...
VISCOUNT CANNING SET OUT WITH PAUL LATE LAST NIGHT. .
...!?
...THEN I'LL GO!
CALL THE CARRIAGE! I'M LEAVING NOW!
S-SIR.
Early on the morning of the memorial, that arrived at Montague's residence
..everything that happened from this point on I learned after the fact

THE VIGILANTE CORPS ARE GOING TO SUPPORT THE MEMORIAL PROCESSION TODAY.
HE'S PROBABLY GONE OUT TO HELP
THE CAPTAIN?
HE'S NOT HERE.
First, Lord Montague went to the guardroom of his own personal guard
THE MEMORIAL'S ABOUT TO START, SIR!?
I KNOW. THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO HURRY!
PLEASE...!
EH?
RIGHT NOW!?
THEN CAN I HAVE AS MANY MEN AS YOU HAVE FREE?
After he explained to the troops what they were going to do,
they cautioned him over and over to wait for the captain, but he didn't listen.
They collected their weapons, and headed out to...

...the Royal Mausoleum

The King and Queen Mother were due to visit the tomb after their trip to the memorial in the town.

B-BUT WE'RE NOT PERMITTED TO...
I GIVE YOU PERMISSION!
OPEN THEM, QUICKLY!
There was an uproar from the people gathered for the ceremony
They saw
Lord Montague, ordering his men to invade the previous king's tomb...
Then
...A CHILD!
THERE'S A CHILD IN-

there was an explosion.
BOOM
At the time nobody knew that there was a spy amongst Lord Montague's men
The explosion came from inside the tomb.
KYAHHH
Nahhh
KYAHH
.. IT WAS MONTAGUE!
It was only enough to collapse the entrance
but from the crowd there came a voice...

MONTAGUE DESTROYED THE KING'S TOMB!
bustle
TREASON!
HE'S AN ENEMY OF THE CROWN!

chatter
chatter
THEN THE RUMOURS...
I SAW HIM!
I SAW IT! IT WAS LORD MONTAGUE!
THAT'S..
ARREST HIM...
ARREST HIM!
ARREST HIM!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
GET BACK!
IT'S DANGEROUS! STAY INSIDE!

Wah
THE KING IS HERE!
THE KING IS HERE!
GUARDS! PLEASE ARREST HIM!
THANK GOODNESS, LIONEL!
THERE'S A CHILD . . THERE ARE PEOPLE UNDER THE RUBBLE!
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER, WE NEED TO HELP THEM...!
BACK!
LORD MONTAGUE.
SHING
I'M TAKING YOU IN ON CHARGES OF TREASON.
...!
WHAT...!?
..

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING.. ? CAPTAIN LIONEL, WHAT'S GOING ON?
TREASON? ME. .!?
WE HAVE PROOF ENOUGH TO SENTENCE YOU.
RATHER... WE WILL, ONCE YOU'RE BROUGHT IN.
..!?

YOU'RE TOO UPRIGHT, MONTAGUE.
TOO UPRIGHT TO SEE THOSE WHO ARE HOSTILE TO YOU.
EVEN NOW, DO YOU NOT SEE THAT THE ARISTOCRACY OF THIS COUNTRY ARE ALL AGAINST YOU?

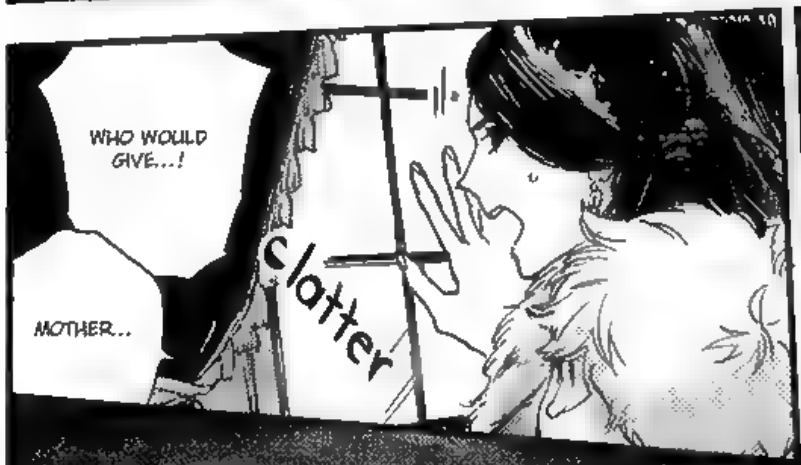
. BEFORE THE CHURCH PROMOTED ME TO CAPTAIN OF THE ROYAL GUARD, I GUARDED THE PREVIOUS KING
MY MOTHER WAS HIS WETNURSE.
I WAS HIS FRIEND SINCE CHILD-HOOD... NO,

I WAS FOSTER BROTHER TO THEM BOTH.
...LIONEL...
I COULD NOT DENY MY FRIEND MY HELP.
ON THE PREVIOUS KING'S DEATHBED, WE SWORE AN OATH OF BROTHERHOOD.

DEAL WITH ME LATER.
PLEASE, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP...!
TAKE HIM.
..HELP THE INJURED.
S.R.
IT'S TOO LATE.
IF YOU SURRENDER, I SWEAR WE WILL NOT HURT YOU.
...
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, LIONEL!
PLEASE,
PLEASE, PICK THE PATH YOU KNOW TO BE RIGHT!
PLEASE DON'T LIE TO YOURSELF!
..
why did you come alone, Montague?
That's right
If you'd just brought Adam with you, this might have gone differently
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE...
In that moment he did not have a single friend to stand by him.

HEY, THAT'S MONTAGUE!
WHERE ARE THEY TAKING MONTAGUE?
WHAT IS GOING ON OUT THERE...?
!

I'M SORRY, I'M UNDER ORDERS...
..
LET ME OUT!
I'LL MAKE THEM LET HIM GO!


WHO WOULD GIVE...!
MOTHER...
clatter

THERE'S NO-ONE WITH GREATER AUTHORITY THAN MYSELF OR THE KING~!
WHAT...!?
TAKE THEM BACK TO THE PALACE.
GO!

drip
The King and the Queen Mother were both locked inside the palace after this.
Lord Montague was arrested.
drip
...
IT'S ALRIGHT ...!
IT WILL BE ALRIGHT, CHRIS.

and that night he was taken to Leiland Island Prison.
..THAT'S EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED THIS MORNING
Z
HAAAAAA!

JUST A FEW HOURS. .

ALL OF THIS HAPPENED AND HE WAS ARRESTED IN JUST A FEW HOURS.

THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION, RIGHT? ARE THE MEN ALRIGHT?

IT FEELS LIKE THEY'RE CUTTING OFF OUR LIMBS AFTER GOUGING OUT OUR HEART

ADDITIONALLY, ALL OF LORD MONTAGUE'S PERSONAL GUARDS AND THE VIGILANTE CORPS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO SUSPEND ALL ACTIVITIES.

LORD MONTAGUE'S BEEN JAILED,

THE KING AND QUEEN MOTHER ARE UNDER HOUSE ARREST AT THE PALACE...

ALL OF THIS IS UNDER ORDER OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, IN ABSENCE OF LORD MONTAGUE AND CARDINAL BRANDON.

LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE TRYING TO TAKE OUT EVERY ONE OF MONTAGUE'S SUPPORTERS.

THEY'VE SUSPENDED THE MEMORIAL SERVICE AND TOLD US TO TAKE DOWN THE THEATRE

WE'RE IN THE SAME SITUATION.

I SEE... THAT'S GOOD.

FORTUNATELY THERE WERE NO DEATHS.

THE INJURED ARE BEING TREATED AT THE PALACE.

sniff

THE LONGER WE'RE ON THE BACK FOOT, THE WORSE IT WILL BE.

pweeeeeet

LOOKS LIKE THEIR PLANS ARE GOING PERFECTLY.

THEY GOT THE FIRST STRIKE IN!

sniff
. . SO TONIGHT WE'RE GOING TO BREAK HIM OUT.
...YES. TOMORROW WILL BE TOO LATE.
THEY'LL PROBABLY START THEIR INTERROGATION OF HIM TOMORROW.
I HAVE CONTACTS READY, IN THE CASE THAT SIR WAS EVER IMPRISONED THERE!
EXCELLENT GOOD WORK, PAUL.
ONCE I'M IN, IT'LL BE CHILD'S PLAY.
shake
What ?
Well, things happened, you see
Stop crying and use your head
Think!
...
Ahh. why am I crying so hard?
Sadness? Frustrat on?

A man who's devoted himself wholeheartedly to his country
A man so kind selfless and upright
Anger

SIR .

THE STRONGER THE LIGHT, THE DARKER THE SHADOW IT CASTS. THERE'S SUCH A THING
AS BEING TOO GOOD.

STOP GLARING AND CRYING
WE'LL FIGURE OUT HOW TO FREE HIM.

...WHY ARE THEY DOING THIS TO HIM?
WHY DIDN'T ANYONE STAND UP FOR HIM...!?
I JUST... I CAN'T...!

YOU JUST FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO AFTER WE GET LORD MONTAGUE OUT OF THAT GAOL.

MY TROUPE WELCOMES ANY AND EVERYONE UNABLE TO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY

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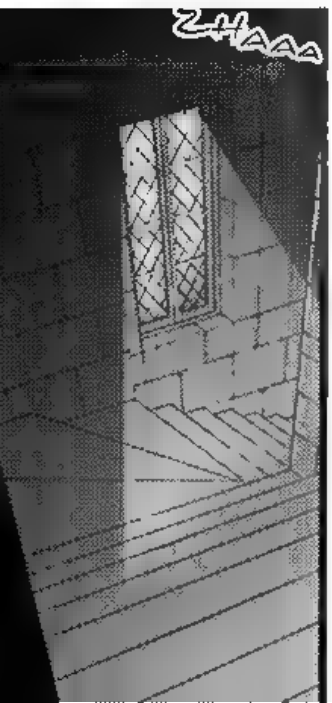


sigh
I feel like I'm in a very long dream
I wonder how everyone is?
I can't imagine that
or Queen Mother would allow this if they understood the situation
Someth ng must have happened to them, too

PRINCE LUKA...?
THE CHILD WHO WAS INSIDE THE TOMB.
YOU,
TELL ME... IS PRINCE LUKA ALRIGHT?

I thought I was prepared, but I was outwitted

HEY! STOP TALKING TO HIM!
I HEARD THEY PULLED HIM OUT OF THE RUBBLE, BUT OTHER THAN THAT...
NO... THE CHILD FOUND WAS THE ONE WHO WENT MISSING ALONG WITH SECRETARY BASIL.

So the ch ld wasn't Prince Luka
The letter said the ch ld would suffocate if I d dn't act quickly
That was a feint, designed to throw me nto disarray

I'M SORRY, LORD MONTAGUE.
NO... THANK YOU.

I can't think objectively at all. The desire to blame him just keeps overwhelming me.

Whenever I think of him, this feeling of regret bubbles up inside me.

I've been trying not to think about him this whole time.

'Weren't you supposed to protect me!'

So child sh

I'm the one who jumped in w thout waiting for him

I can't fight like this

Pull yourself together

creak...

'Weren't you supposed to never leave my side. ?'

LORD MONTAGUE,

I'VE COME TO COLLECT YOUR DISHES.

YOU'VE NOT EATEN A SINGLE BITE.
YOUR HEALTH WILL DETERIORATE IF YOU DON'T EAT PROPERLY.
...!

...I KID.
I'VE COME TO COLLECT
YOU.

. . YOU'RE LATE.

teary
shocked
.. I-
I'M SO... SORRY.
!?
I'M SORRY...
..
I'M THE ONE WHO WANTS TO CRY.
MAKING THAT EXPRESSION.

JOEL.

..HONESTLY

I CAN'T EVEN BE ANGRY ANYMORE...

SIGH

PUSH

ENOUGH.

THANK YOU FOR COMING

I WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS.

THEY'RE SURE TO USE THIS AGAINST ME. I CAN'T KEEP IT.

...EH?

AND I DON'T KNOW IF THE CHILD THEY USED IS ALIVE OR DEAD...
PRINCE LUKA IS MISSING.
YES. THEY USED IT TO SET A TRAP FOR ME.
DIDN'T THE KING GIVE THIS TO PRINCE LUKA...?

WAIT JUST A MOMENT!
WAIT,
I NEED YOU TO CHECK ON THE KING AND QUEEN MOTHER, TOO...
I NEED YOU TO CHECK FOR ME.

I'VE BEEN ARRESTED, NOW I NEED TO AWAIT MY TRIAL
I CAN'T DO THAT.
I'M THE LORD JUDICIARY, REMEMBER?
I CAME HERE TO SAVE YOU! WE CAN TALK ABOUT
ALL OF THIS ONCE YOU'RE FREE.

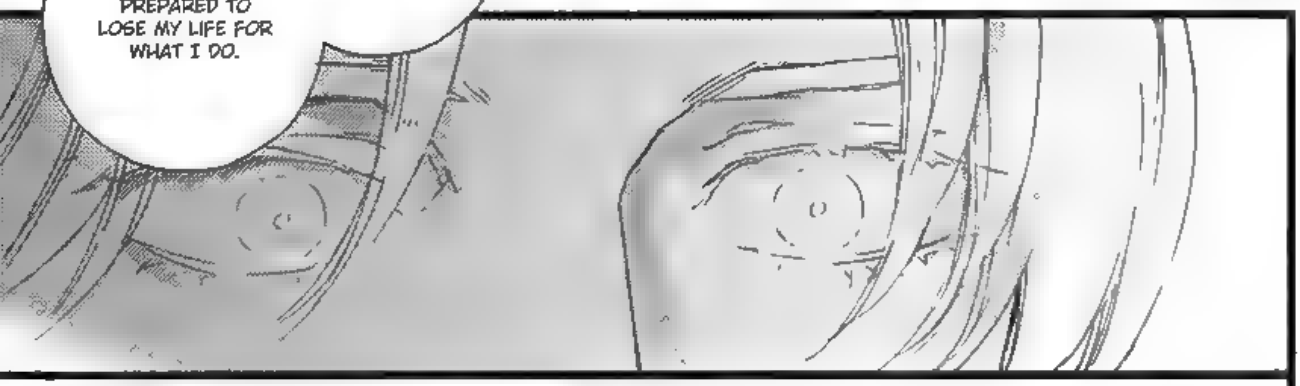
DO YOU THINK THE PEOPLE AFTER YOU ARE GOING TO LET YOU HAVE A FAIR TRIAL!?
THEY'LL FABRICATE ANY EVIDENCE, BRIBE ANY WITNESS TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE SENT TO THE GALLOWS!
THEY'LL USE EVERY POSSIBLE TRICK TO HAVE YOU FOUND GUILTY!

THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT!
I CAN HARDLY
DISREGARD THE LAWS I WROTE!
AHHHHH

I TOOK TO LAW SPECIFICALLY TO DEAL WITH THESE KINDS OF OUTRAGEOUS SITUATIONS.
...IT WILL STILL BE A TRIAL.
IF I DO NOT FIGHT THIS ON A PUBLIC STAGE THEN IT MEANS NOTHING.

...
I DON'T WANT TO SUFFER, OF COURSE,

...
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF SUFFERING THEY MIGHT BRING UPON YOU!
EVEN IF THEY DON'T HANG YOU,



you do not fall in love

You are more selfless, more diligent, more self-sacrificing than anyone else.

...ADAM?
IS THAT WHY YOU!
Is that any way to live?
Is it possible to be so diligent with and yet so negligent of your own existence?
LIVE YOUR LIFE IN SUCH A MINIMALISTIC WAY...?

pfft

...YOU REALLY ARE SO SOCIALLY ASTUTE.

. . EXASPERATION.

SO THIS IS WHY YOU HAVE SUCH STRANGELY-PLACED ROUGH EDGES. .

mood ruined

WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?

thud thud thud

SIR!

SHINE

IF YOU HAD SOME AFFECTION AND ATTACHMENT TO SOMEONE IN THIS WORLD. .

NO, I STILL WANT THAT SOMEONE TO BE ME!

YOU UNDERSTAND ME SO WELL AND YET YOU'RE NOT DISCOURAGED AT ALL, HUH.

WELL, THERE'S STILL TIME.

YOU SHOULD HAVE HAD A FAMILY, EVEN JUST A POLITICALLY PLANNED ONE.

I REALLY WANT TO SEE YOUR CHILDREN.

SIGH

WHAT?

PAUL!
YOU'RE STILL HERE?
REINFORCEMENTS ARE COMING! THEY SAW THROUGH OUR PLAN!
YOUNG OLIVIER IS BUYING US SOME TIME...
...AH.

LIONEL IS WITH THE ENEMY.
EHH?
HE'S THE ONE WHO HAD ME ARRESTED!
EHHHHH?
WE LET HIM KNOW OF OUR PLANS, JUST IN CASE.

GO, QUICKLY!
I'LL HANDLE THE REINFORCEMENTS.
HAH!?
LORD MONTAGUE, WHAT ARE YOU ?
...

BAM
!?
KRGH
HAHHHH!?
SIR..?!
Slump
!?
TAKE CARE OF JOEL FOR ME
I'LL DELAY THEM HERE
PUT HIM IN MY UNIFORM.
HE TOOK ME OUT AND RAN.
THEY'RE HERE.
SOUNDS LIKE QUITE A FEW.

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ADAM.
YOU'RE LIKE A STONE STATUE SOMETIMES!
YOU WERE IN THIS POSITION THE LAST TIME I CAME IN, TOO.
HOW ABOUT YOU TAKE A BREAK?
...I'D LIKE TO, BUT
I WANT TO GET THIS FINISHED TODAY

WHAT ARE YOU, MY VALET?
SINCE I'M SO THOUGHTFUL, I'LL PEEL AN APPLE FOR YOU!
YOU'RE VERY THOUGHTFUL, ADAM.
OH... THANK YOU.
I CALLED FOR SOME TEA. I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NEED SOME.
SO HARD-WORKING.

HE'S PRETTY DEXTEROUS...
Oh...
SOLO PATROLS.
peel
peel
HONESTLY, ADAM.
...
MY SUB-ORDINATES ARE TOO EFFICIENT, I'VE NOTHING TO DO.
HAH
HAH
HAH

THAT'S NOT WHAT .
AH
ARE YOU THAT HUNGRY?
HERE.
. well, it's fine.
crunch
Clatter!
AH...!!
choke
I SEE YOU DIDN'T DROP THE TEA THIS TIME!
A den of infidelity!
I-I-I-I'M SO SORRY!
I SWEAR I WON'T SAY A WORD TO JOEL!
Oh my.
Young Sully walked in on them again today

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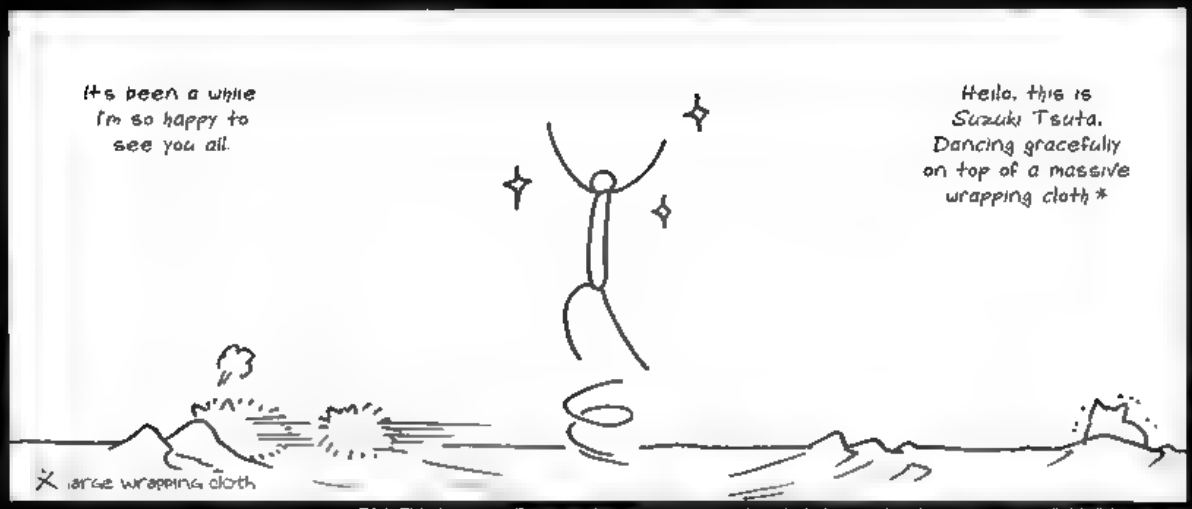

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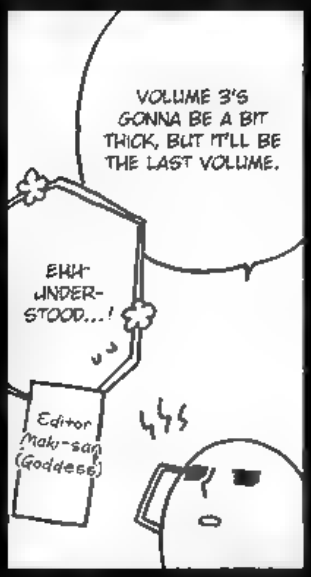

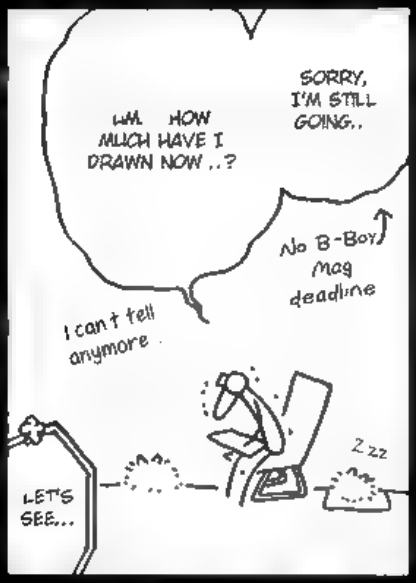

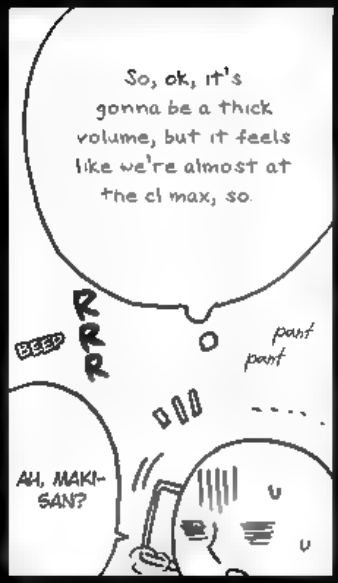

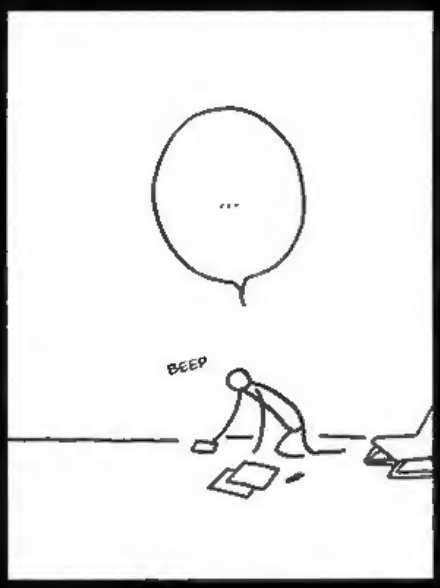
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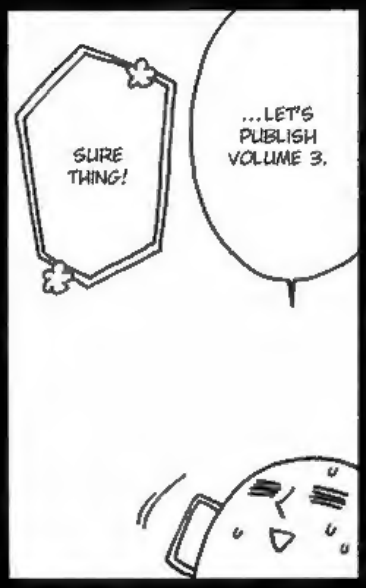
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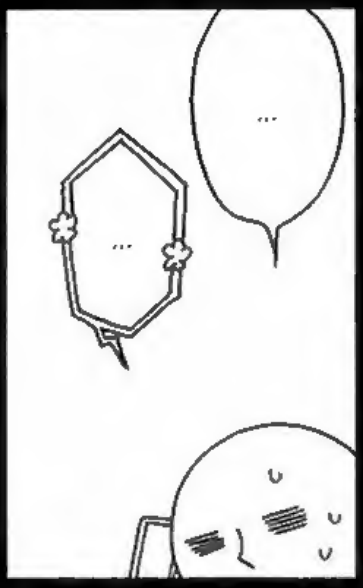
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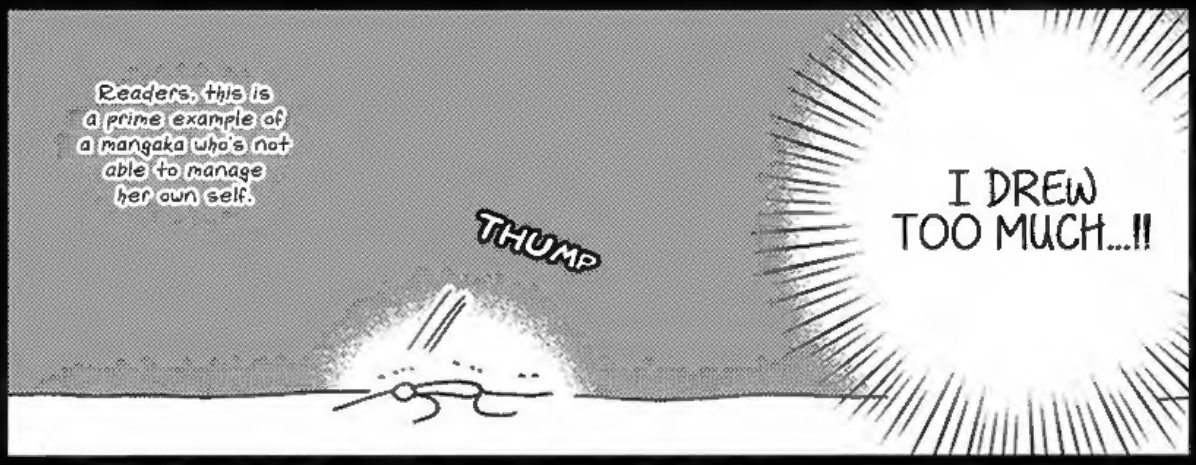
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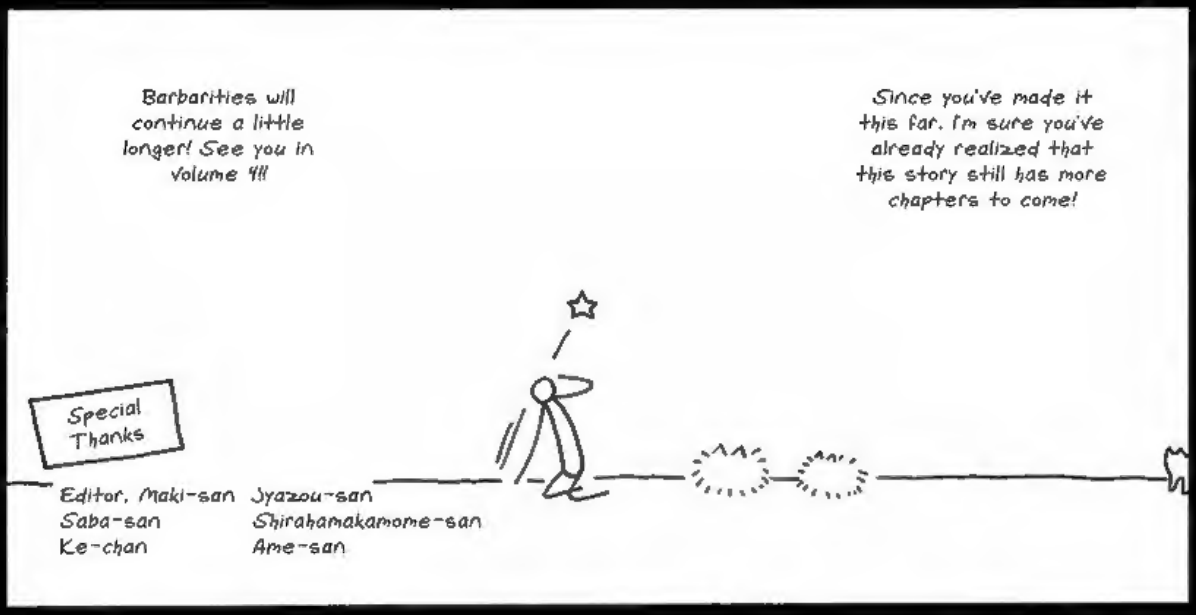
I DREW TOO MUCH...!!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END

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Barbarities
Ughhh...
TODAY'S DRESS CODE IS 'ANIMAL FEATURES'!
I don't really want to wear dog ears...
...
pop
YOU'RE GOING TO BE WEARING THESE!
!?
FORCED PARTICIPATION
Barbarities 3
I'm so sorry this volume took so long...!
I really hope you enjoy volume 3!
Suzuki Tsuta
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